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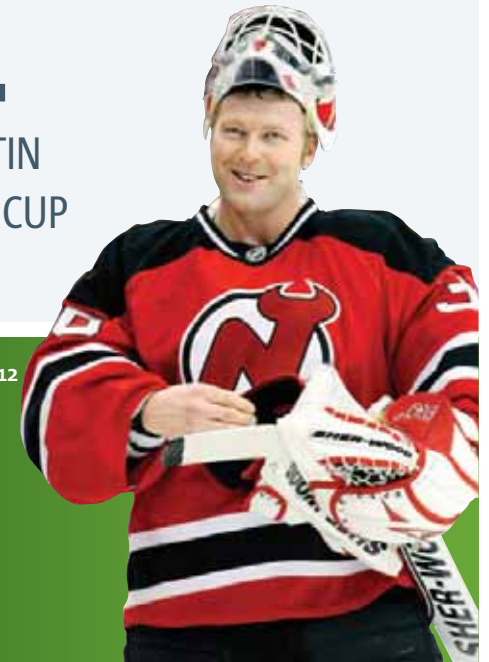
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Proud Calgarian and UFC fighter Nick Ring stands at the bus stop where he and another individual broke up a random attack between two groups of teens on Wednesday night. TESSA CLAYTON/METRO

UFC fighter thwarts attack on teenagers

Trigger. A 'dirty look' sparked a teen fight, Calgary police say

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There's a new sheriff in town and his name is Nick Ring.

Ring, a Calgary-based UFC fighter, was leaving the Starbucks on Macleod Trail and 94th Avenue Wednesday night when he saw a group of teenagers beating up a young couple in a bus shelter across the street.

Ring said he saw one girl kneeling another in the face and two boys beating up another one.

"It was completely unfair, it was a horrible thing to witness."

Ring said the group of kids ran as he and another person approached them, giving chase. They caught one youth before police arrived.

Being a UFC athlete, Ring is used to witnessing fights. But this is different, he said.

"What I do as a sport, it's volunteer.... Our fight is a fair one-on-one fight, what these guys did was an act of violence."

Police said a "dirty look" between the groups turned physical and three youths — a female and two males, aged 15 to 17 — have been charged with assault. They are still looking for a fourth male.

The two groups did not previously know each other and the victims had minor injuries.

Police prefer Calgarians to call 911 when witnessing incidents like this, but realize circumstances at the time dictate how people react.



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The Alberta government claims stricter impaired-driving laws target dangerous drivers, but some civil-rights advocates say the measures go too far. METRO FILE

Alberta's drunk-driving laws 'deeply disturbing,' B.C. lawyers warn

Civil rights. Similar laws in coastal province has led to legal challenges



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Bottoms up, Alberta: You could be in for one heck of a courtroom clash.

That's the warning from B.C. lawyers who say new impaired-driving legislation due to be implemented here could infringe on civil rights more than widely challenged laws in their own province.

Alberta solicitor general Jonathan Denis has said indefinite suspensions for driv-

ers who violate the .08 blood-alcohol threshold will come into effect next month. The measure will prevent charged drivers from turning the ignition key again until the matter has been resolved in court — a process some lawyers have suggested could take more than a year and violates the legal standard of innocence until proven guilty.

British Columbia has already introduced a similar 90-day suspension for .08 violations there, but a Supreme Court judge ruled last year that the measure violates constitutional rights.

Changes to account for that ruling are expected to come next week.

"This whole thing is deeply disturbing," said Paul Doroshenko, a veteran Vancouver

Legal wrangle

- B.C. lawyers Paul Doroshenko and Jeremy Carr have worked collectively on hundreds of cases involving people affected by stricter impaired-driving laws in that province.
- Alberta will also roll out three-day vehicle impoundments for Albertans violating a .05 blood-alcohol threshold. That measure is expected to come into effect in late August.

lawyer originally from Edmonton. "Any smart judge watching this in Alberta is going to notice the exact same thing."

Despite criticism, Denis said Alberta consulted a great deal with the B.C. solicitor general before crafting its own legislation. He noted a two-tier appeal process and lack of fines — something included in B.C. laws — as two prominent differences.

"Legislation is challenged on a regular basis in this province and every other province," Denis said.

But Victoria lawyer Jeremy Carr said the shift in both provinces is cause for concern.

"It's actually scary the way provinces are going to save money by putting all of the power in the hands of police," he said.

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Health care

Funding resumes for gender reassignment

Alberta will reinstate funding for gender-reassignment surgeries on June 15, more than two years after delisting the operation as a cost-saving measure.

The policy change will mean up to 25 people each year can undergo the surgery for a total annual cost to the province of about \$1 million.

Health Minister Fred Horne said the government is reinstating the policy because it is simply the right thing to do. "Alberta is a very progressive province, and policy needs to catch up to where Albertans are," he said Thursday.

Horne would not say whether the Progressive Conservative caucus voted on the issue.

Former premier Ed Stelmach's government cut funding for the operations in April 2009. At the time, gay-rights activists estimated there were about 600 people on a waiting list.

Kris Wells, a spokesman for the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies at the University of Alberta, called the new policy a historic victory that will save lives.

He said some people who couldn't have the operation considered killing themselves.

"It sent people's lives into chaos and turmoil. People ended up leaving the province. Other people contemplated suicide," he said. "They saw no hope and possibility for their lives without this medically necessary procedure."

Wells said the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community is jubilant about the government's change of heart and credits Premier Alison Redford. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Steve Kibble with the Southern Alberta Solosport Club is forced to travel out of city for high-octane thrills since Calgary's Race City Motorsport Park closed last year. CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/FOR METRO

Auto-club membership wanes in Race City park's absence

Motorsport park. Participants forced to head north and south for tracks to run on



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Motorsport enthusiasts are begging organizers to fast-track development of a new racetrack in the Calgary area as they

battle declining interest.

It's been nine months since engines roared at Race City Motorsport Park, which closed to allow for expansion of the Shepard landfill next door.

Steve Kibble with the Southern Alberta Solosport Club said it's a difficult sell convincing fellow drivers to head out of town to areas like Lethbridge and Red Deer to compete. He added that a city of Calgary's size should never have to go without a motorsport park of some kind.

"I think it's crazy," Kibble added. "Everybody talks about people who want a place to play, and if they don't have that, some will turn to street racing."

Metro recently talked with a number of street racers, spectators and automobile enthusiasts about the potential for city roadways to turn into make-shift racetracks.

All confirmed street racing was already on the rise on Calgary's outskirts and added the problem will likely get worse in

Lack of information

"We don't know anything (about a new track) other than what we have read in the paper.... It's very concerning."

Steve Kibble, Southern Alberta Solosport Club

the summer months.

The Motorsports, Arts Culture and Sports Group has taken responsibility for finding

a new motorsport park location and is likely to make a public announcement this summer.

The Calgary Sports Car Club is seeing a 15 to 20 per cent decline in membership this year, according to president Gary Roberts, but he believes many will return to motorsports when a new track is in place.

"Everybody's just hibernating for this year," he said.

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Attack in an alley

Gun victim who drove himself to hospital will live

Police have yet to interview a 22-year-old who was shot multiple times late Wednesday but still managed to drive himself to hospital.

The victim was listed in stable condition Thursday and expected to shed more light on the incident that took place in the 200 block of Temple Close NE around 7 p.m. Wednesday.

So far, police have learned a black SUV pulled up and fired at the victim, who was walking through a back alley. Reports indicate children were playing nearby. **METRO**

Attempted murder

Tip from public leads to arrest

Charges have been laid in an April stabbing at a house party after the accused was arrested late Thursday.

Earlier in the day Calgary police had issued a public plea for assistance with locating Christopher Ivan Gooder, 29. He is charged with attempted murder, assault with a weapon and aggravated assault. Cochrane RCMP acted on a tip from the public and arrested the man in a Cochrane home. **METRO**



Christopher Gooder CONTRIBUTED



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I'VE GOT A DRINKING PROBLEM: TOO MANY ESTABLISHMENTS TO CHOOSE FROM



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Mike Morrison

Growing up, I wasn't like most kids. While other teens were going to parties and experimenting with alcohol, I was selling shoes at the mall or serving fries at McDonalds. I didn't really start drinking regularly until after university, which was coincidentally right around the time I moved to Calgary.

Over the years, I've noticed that while my metabolism has slowed down, my enjoyment of a great cocktail, cold beer or dry red wine has only increased.

But before you send my family over to my apartment for an intervention, I have to say I don't think my love of the drink is really my fault. Calgary, and its abundance of cool establishments, spacious patios and trendy bars, should shoulder at least some of the blame.

Going al fresco

"More than housing, roads or C-Train lines, it seems that Calgary has quickly become a patio city."

More than housing, roads or C-Train lines, it seems that Calgary has quickly become a patio city. Warm summer nights are better now that West Restaurant and Bar has Canada's largest rooftop patio, the new National Beer Hall has a wraparound patio, ensuring a full day of drinks and sun, while The Ship and Anchor, Broken City and Molly Malone's have become like second, third and fourth homes. A quick scan of Twitter shows me that both Commonwealth and 1410 World Bier Haus will be adding a place to beat Calgary's heat this summer.

Calgary has also welcomed businesses that are nurturing my new habit. Village Brewery is the newest kid on the block. Its unique sense of community involvement has already made it a favourite at many of this city's big cultural events and festivals, meaning if you're ever out celebrating Calgary 2012, a cold beer is never far away. Add Village Brewery to the already successful Wild Rose and Big Rock Breweries and supporting local businesses has never felt so good and refreshing.

I've never really looked into the rules of drinking in parks, but the beauty of places like Prince's Island Park, Edworthy Park and Stanley Park seem almost tailor-made for summer picnics with lemonade-flavoured cocktails or a sweet white wine. If the city didn't want us to enjoy them, why make them look so nice?

Of course, I'm not saying that the only thing to do in Calgary is drink and when I do, yes, I'm very responsible. But whether you're trying to get through a bad date or have a conversation with someone who hates the Peace Bridge, it's nice to know that when you need a friend, there's a good drink within reach.

Mike Morrison owns the perfectly round and bald head behind Mike's Blog-gity Blog. He tweets from @mikesbloggity.



Some of the city's adult shops are seeing a boost in business following the success of erotic novel *Fifty Shades of Grey*. ALICIA GERRIOR/FOR METRO

Racy novel stokes sales in some city adult shops

Fifty Shades of Grey. Shelves are bare at some city stores, and manager credits book with sales increase

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Calgary couples are stripping some city adult shops bare after reading E.L. James' steamy novel *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

The book has stirred spirited discussion on people's hidden sexual desires, and the effect is being seen on some shops' bottom lines.

"Our S&M and BDSM area is so bare; we can't hold things in stock," said Ashley Saunders, manager of local sex store A Little More Interesting.

The store's business development manager, Tahnee Hutton, credits the massive surge in sales to James' racy novel.

"As far as the sales increase goes, there's obviously a cor-

Special request

- Hutton says it's not uncommon for people to walk into the shop and ask for the same toys the book's lovers — Anastasia Steele and Christian Grey — use in their bedroom.

relation," said Hutton. Both say the store's most popular items — especially those related to the novel — are flying off the shelves, with customers ranging in age from 19-year-old college students to elderly married couples.

Hutton credits the book for bringing erotica and BDSM to the mainstream.

"It's definitely given people a little more of an open mind towards experimentation in the bedroom," she said.

But not all city adult retailers in the city are benefiting from James' novel.

Sarah, an employee at Adult Source, said sales there have remained the same.

"We haven't gained any (new business)," she said.

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Euro 2012 set to kick off in Calgary

Footie fandom. Local venues prepare for three weeks of soccer tournament viewing



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Pubs, cultural clubs and fans in Calgary are readying themselves for more than three weeks of soccer as Euro 2012 kicks off Friday.

While the best in European soccer — or football, as most around the world call it — will be running from June 8 until the final on July 1 in Ukraine and Poland, many places in Calgary are expecting to be overwhelmed by fans.

"We're expecting about 100 for (the first game) but if we get to the finals, we're expecting 600 or 700," said executive director of the Calgary Italian Club Rafela Grossi.

Pubs like the Ship and Anchor on 17th Avenue are also bracing themselves for lineups down the block for certain games.

Schedule

- Poland and Greece kick off the tournament at 10 a.m. Calgary time Friday. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. at the Ship and Anchor.
- Russia and Czechoslovakia also play Friday at noon Calgary time.
- The full tournament schedule can be found at uefa.com.

"This is a footballing pub," said the Ship's Joe Taylor.

Taylor said over the past 20 years since the Ship began showing games, the popularity of the sport in Calgary has increased noticeably.

"We've always had a hardcore following of English fans, but now ... there are soccer fans from all walks of life."

Three years ago Larry Leach joined the Calgary Liverpool FC Supporters after searching for a decent place to watch a match



The Ship and Anchor's promotions manager, Jennifer Arnett, stands in front of some of the many football scarves displayed at the 17th Avenue pub.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

against Chelsea. "When I was a kid, you couldn't get the games here, so it was

hard to follow," said Leach, whose mother hails from Liverpool. "Now that you

can get the games over here in real-time, live, it's easy to pick it up again."

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Stephen Avenue Walk. Book market kicking off

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For the first time ever, Stephen Avenue Walk will host its Second Saturday Book Market throughout the entire summer.

People of all ages will have the opportunity to buy or trade books, engage in literary conversations and even attend various author book signings.

"We were just looking for new activities to have on Stephen Avenue Walk throughout the summertime, and especially on weekends because it is a pedestrian mall," said Caralyn Macdonald of Downtown Calgary.

The free event will take

Event highlights

- New and used books with book-trade options.
- Celebrities reading books to children.
- Book signings with prominent authors such as John Gilchrist.
- Calgary Public Library's 100th-anniversary activities and celebration.

place rain or shine every second Saturday of the month, starting this weekend from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 100E block of Stephen Avenue.

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CBE bus rate

Correction

Calgary Board of Education bus students in Grades 7 to 9 will incur a flat rate of \$295 for busing this fall, the same as the majority of other students. Incorrect information appeared in Wednesday's

edition of Metro.

A flat rate is being introduced for all CBE students this fall. The board faced some resistance to an original two-tier model. The only exception will be kindergarten students, who will incur \$215.

Metro regrets the error.
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Plastic-bag ban may not work here: Alderman



Plastic bags like these from Safeway will soon be outlawed in Toronto, but it's unclear whether Calgary will follow suit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Decision. Toronto city council has voted to stop distribution in new year



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Word that Canada's largest city is scrapping the use of plastic bags is unlikely to recycle debate over a similar move in Calgary, says an alderman.

Toronto city council voted Wednesday to do away with distribution of the not so environmentally conscious bags starting Jan. 1. In doing so, it became the first major Canadian centre to pass such a ban and follows some large U.S. cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles.

But the move did little to convince Ald. Jim Stevenson that a plastic-bag ban would be supported in Calgary — or that it's even necessary.

"I'm not sure we need to legislate it," he said. "We are working stakeholders — the

Quoted

"The public's jumping on this already with their reusable bags.... My wife does it herself. She's got a big bundle of them." Ald. Jim Stevenson

grocery stores — (and) everybody's moving towards bringing reusable bags."

Ald. John Mar gained approval for a study into a plastic-bag ban in 2009 and council eventually adopted a reduction strategy as a result.

Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra, however, said he would support more a more drastic move, but stopped short of pledging to put a motion forward himself.

"The research is pretty conclusive in this area," he said. "It makes a lot of sense."

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Post-secondary infrastructure top priority

Promise. Premier Redford pledged \$650M investment into Alberta colleges and universities during recent provincial campaign



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Alberta's new advanced education minister has full intentions of seeing through a promise by his boss to open more spaces and further develop post-secondary infrastructure.

Stephen Khan has begun discussions with student unions and university administrators alike and said one thing's clear — it's a good time to be an Alberta student.

Opportunity

"If you work hard and graduate, there's going to be good jobs for you."

Stephen Khan, education minister

"There's an abundance of opportunity here," he said.

"As a student, if you work hard and graduate, there's going to be good

jobs for you."

Premier Alison Redford pledged \$650 million to Alberta colleges and universities during the provincial election campaign earlier this year.

It will be split among NAIT, NorQuest, the University of Calgary, Mount Royal University and Lethbridge College.

Khan said the priority will be on enhancing and

developing infrastructure to expand and enhance educational offerings.

His plans were music to the ears of Mount Royal University President David Docherty, who recently ushered through the institution's largest graduating class to date.

"You do have to make sure you have the classroom space and infrastructure space — those things have to

go hand-in-hand," he said.

Students will likely also have an easier time funding their education come fall, as the government is rolling out new guidelines for loans that will no longer rely on part-time earnings and parental income to determine eligibility.

"We want every Albertan to believe a post-secondary education is possible," Khan said.



Mount Royal University should see expansion in the years ahead — something the provincial government has pledged to assist with. METRO FILE PHOTO

Lost. Reward upped for teddy bear lost in Calgary

There's been no sight of Berry yet, but a nine-year-old Fort Saskatchewan boy is holding out hope.

Max Schilman was given his teddy bear, Berry, the day after he was born from his grandfather. But during a trip to Calgary last weekend, the bear went missing.

An ad posted on Kijiji by Max's mother, Carrie, drew attention from the media in the Calgary area — and the \$20 reward was soon bumped to \$120.

"We're really just so appreciative of ... how our plight has taken everyone," said Carrie. "Max is very hopeful."

Diagnosed with epilepsy at a young age, Max used Berry as a source of comfort during medical appointments and treatments.

In November 2008, Carrie's father died suddenly.

"It was very hard on all of us, especially Max," she said. "Max was very fond of my father, and my father was very fond of Max."

The family was all over southeast Calgary — Chinook Mall, Macleod Trail Holiday Inn, Macleod Trail Wal-Mart, White Spot, Home Depot and more.

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First Nations school being tested for HIV

Infection unlikely.
University of Manitoba professor administers faulty diabetes screening

Dozens of students and staff at a First Nations high school are being tested for HIV and hepatitis after undergoing a faulty diabetes screening.

A University of Manitoba professor talked to students at Southeast Collegiate on May 4 about diabetes and used a glucometer to test blood-sugar levels on about 80 people.

University spokesman John Danakas said the professor changed the needle used on each person.

"It's the device which holds the lancet that was reused, and you're not supposed to reuse that. Although the device never comes into contact with the person's skin ... there's still a very, very small, I think it's one in several million, possibility that there could be an infection."

The university later clarified

the chances are deemed to be less than one in a million.

Danakas would not identify the professor, but said he was not authorized to perform the diabetes test and has been disciplined.

The case has angered some aboriginal leaders.

"While the risk of a student contracting an infection is described by the University of Manitoba as exceptionally unlikely ... the risk is not zero," Chief Michael Yellowback of the Manto Sipi Cree Nation said in a written statement. Eight children from the reserve who attend the Winnipeg school were part of the diabetes test.

The group that represents First Nations communities across northern Manitoba said it was alarmed that impromptu diabetes tests were done without parental consent.

"At the heart of the matter, prior written parental consent should have been required by the school," said Grand Chief David Harper of the Manitoba Keewatinowik Okimakanak.

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Searching for suspect with oversized ears

Halifax Regional Police are investigating a theft from a bus shelter of an oversized set of headphones. The headphones, measuring more than a metre wide and a metre tall, had been placed on the bus shelter as part of an advertising campaign. Given the size, it is believed that two or more people are responsible for the theft.

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Montreal police arrest protesters

Montreal police made a series of searches and arrests in connection with disruptive protests, and those detained Thursday included the daughter of an elected politician.

Amir Khadir, the sole elected member of the left-wing party Quebec Solidaire,

confirmed that his 19-year-old daughter was among those arrested.

Five out of 11 people being sought Thursday were arrested.

It was unclear what charges Khadir's daughter, Yalda Machouf-Khadir, might face. Her arrest came just two days

after that of her politician father, who was released with a fine.

Khadir had compared his own act of blocking a street during a protest, to the civil disobedience of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

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Police probe

Quebec media, politicians get suspicious mail

A dozen more suspicious packages containing a non-harmful white powder arrived at political and media offices across Quebec on Thursday, adding to the nearly two dozen received the previous day.

Police said 12 new envelopes arrived Thursday, some with notes signed by a group calling itself the Armed Revolutionary Forces of Quebec.

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Extradition

Magnotta may return to Canada within days

German prosecutors said Thursday a decision on the extradition of the porn actor suspected of the grisly killing and dismemberment of a Chinese student in Montreal could be made within days. The decision would likely require a "few days" and isn't expected before next week, a spokesman said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Survey says. Majority of high school seniors text and drive

More than half of U.S. high school seniors admit they text or email while driving, according to the first federal statistics on how common the dangerous habit is in teens.

An anonymous national survey conducted last year found that 58 per cent of high school seniors said they had texted or emailed while driving during the previous month. About 43 per cent of high school juniors acknowledged they did the same thing.

"I'm not surprised. I'm not surprised at all," said Vicki Rimasse, a New Jersey woman whose son caused a fender bender earlier this year after texting in traffic. She made him take a safe-driving class after the mishap.

"I felt like an idiot," said her 18-year-old son, Dylan Young.

"It caused me to be a lot more cautious," said the high school senior, although he conceded that he still texts behind the wheel.

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An Indianapolis billboard discourages texting and driving. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sitting pretty

Indian government criticized for luxurious toilets

An Indian government agency is being criticized for spending \$63,000 to renovate its toilets just months after setting the national poverty line far below global standards.

The admission sparked

a public uproar with media and officials demanding an explanation.

The Planning Commission tried Thursday to mitigate the outrage by saying the three restrooms could service 30 people at once. The cost included a \$9,000 card system to limit access.

India has 450-million people living below its self-administered poverty level of less than 50 cents a day.

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Japanese dock washes up on American beach

Tsunami debris.

Scientists worry that plants and animals attached to the dock could invade Oregon

When a tsunami hit the northern coast of Japan last year, the waves ripped four dock floats the size of freight train boxcars from their pilings in the fishing port of Misawa and turned them over to the whims of wind and currents.

One floated up on a nearby island. Two have never been seen again. And one made an incredible journey across 8,000 kilometres of ocean that ended this week on an Oregon beach.

Along for the ride were hundreds of millions of individual organisms, including a tiny species of crab, a species of algae, and a little starfish all native to Japan, that have scientists worried they may get a chance to spread out on the U.S. West Coast.

"This is a very clear threat," said John Chapman, a research scientist at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, where the dock float washed up early Tuesday. "It's exactly like saying you threw a bowling ball into a China shop. It's going to break something. But will it be valuable or cheap glass? It's incredibly difficult to predict what will happen next."

While scientists expect much of the floating debris to follow the currents to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch,



Scientists from Oregon State University and the U.S. government inspect a massive dock with Japanese lettering that washed ashore on Agate Beach on Wednesday, just a mile north of Newport, Ore. THOMAS BOYD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

an accumulation of millions of tons of small bits of plastic floating in the northern Pacific, tsunami debris that can catch the wind is making its way to North America. In recent weeks a soccer ball washed up in Alaska, and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle in a shipping container in British Columbia.

After it ran ashore on Tuesday, the Japanese Consulate was able to track down the origin of the dock float from a plaque bolted to it commemorating its installation in June 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potential invaders

Oregon State University scientist John Chapman said plans were being considered by state authorities to scrape all the living things, including an invasive species commonly known as "wakame," as shown at right, off the dock and bury them in the sand, so they would not spread.



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France's 'first lady' is looking for a better title

President's girlfriend.

Veteran journalist thinks current term is a little old-school for her

A longtime journalist, Valérie Trierweiler knows about searching for just the right words. And as the romantic partner of France's new president, she's doing just that: She feels that the term "first lady" is a bit too old-school.

More than three weeks after Francois Hollande — her companion, boyfriend, significant other, take your pick — took office, Trierweiler still doesn't know what she wants to be called. But she's found one possible role model: Eleanor Roosevelt, the Depression-era first lady in the United States known for



Valérie Trierweiler, left, seen here with U.S. first lady Michelle Obama on a trip to Chicago.

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her activism and character.

"Look at that! A journalist first lady isn't a novelty," wrote Trierweiler in Paris Match, in a review of a new French biography of Mrs. Roosevelt. The

article, published Thursday, was Trierweiler's first since Hollande took office.

In an interview, Trierweiler says it's not that she doesn't like the term "first lady" for herself; it's just that it seems a bit "outdated." She and Hollande are not married.

Trierweiler has spent more than 20 years as a journalist at Paris Match, mostly as a political journalist. But in 2006, the year after she started up a relationship with Hollande, she stopped covering the Socialist Party that he was heading at the time.

Trierweiler has faced a tricky balancing act in her new role. A twice-divorced mother raising three boys, she has repeatedly said that she plans to keep working to earn a living as head of the household. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Freak storm leaves Colorado iced over

Steven Carpe sinks knee-deep in hail in the parking lot of the Citadel mall in Colorado Springs Thursday, after a massive hail and rainstorm hit the Colorado city Wednesday night. Snowplows were used in Douglas County to clear hail that was up to eight inches deep in some places. CHRISTIAN MURDOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trayvon Martin case

Zimmerman gets new bond date

A new bond hearing is set for George Zimmerman, the Florida neighbourhood-watch volunteer charged in the fatal shooting of unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin. The hearing is set for June 29 in a case that raised questions about race and self-defence laws.

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Legionnaires' disease

Scottish outbreak now confirmed

Health officials on Thursday reported 61 confirmed and suspected cases of Legionnaires' disease in Scotland, an outbreak that has left one man dead. Of the 61 cases, all in the Edinburgh area, 24 were confirmed. The rest were suspected cases.

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Zealous cheering

Kids punished for parents' actions

A suburban Cincinnati high school withheld four graduates' diplomas and required community service as punishment for what it describes as overly boisterous cheering by their families during the Mount Healthy, Ohio, graduation ceremony.

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Italy. Suspected gas leak causes explosion, kills 3

Search teams picking through the rubble of a residential building – which collapsed in southern Italy Thursday after an explosion – have found the bodies of an Italian-Dutch couple and their young child, police say.

Francesco Spinelli, the Carabinieri paramilitary commander in the town of Conversano in the Apulia region, said the bodies were found several hours after the blast. Local officials have told media that a gas leak is suspected as the cause.

At least 10 people in surrounding buildings were slightly injured, including one child.

Conversano Mayor Giuseppe

Tragedies

This is the latest in a spate of recent tragedies to hit Italy.

- On May 20, an earthquake struck Italy's north, killing dozens of people crushed in falling buildings

pe Lovascio told Sky 24 Italian television earlier that an Italian-Dutch family had arrived from the Netherlands two days ago on vacation and were staying in the building.

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Rescue workers found the bodies of a family of three after a building exploded in Conversano, Italy, Thursday. DONATO FASANO/LAPRESSE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN, activists allege new wave of atrocities in Syria

Mazraat al-Qubair.

Groups say nearly 80 people killed, just weeks after mass killings in Houla

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said unarmed UN monitors came under fire Thursday as they tried to reach the scene of the latest Syrian mass killing. Activists said government forces killed nearly 80 people, including women and children who were shot, hacked to death and burned in their homes.

Ban told the UN General Assembly that the monitors "were shot at with small arms" as they tried to reach Mazraat al-Qubair, a farming area in the central Hama province. The group initially was denied access. He did not mention any casualties, and it was not clear who was behind the shooting.

International envoy Kofi Annan told the General Assembly, "If things do not change, the future is likely to be one of brutal repression,



In this citizen journalism image, protesters hold a banner that reads "Al-Qubair massacre challenges the world's humanity" during a protest in the village of Hass, Syria, Thursday. EDLIB NEWS NETWORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

massacres, sectarian violence, and even all-out civil war."

Syria described reports that its forces committed a massacre as "absolutely baseless" and blamed the violence on terrorists who trying to

provoke foreign military intervention to topple Assad.

A resident of Mazraat al-Qubair said troops shelled the area for five hours Wednesday before government-aligned militiamen entered the area, "kill-

ing and hacking everyone they could find."

"Women and children were burned inside their homes in al-Qubair," said Mousab Al-hamad, an activist based in Hama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Greek talk-show scuffle highlights political tensions

Athens. Right- and left-wing parties clash on live TV as run-up to June 17 repeat elections turns hostile

The spokesman for Greece's extremist far-right Golden Dawn party caused an uproar Thursday after he allegedly physically assaulted two left-wing deputies on live television during a morning political show. A public prosecutor ordered his immediate arrest.

Tempers frayed on the political show on the private Antenna television station during a discussion of the country's politics in the run-up to repeat elections June 17. Golden Dawn spokesman Ilias Kasidiaris took offence to a reference by radical left Syriza party member Rena Dorou over a court case that is pending against him.

Kasidiaris, 31, bounded out of his seat and hurled a glass of water across the table over Dorou when she said there was a "crisis of democracy when

Rising popularity

Golden Dawn has been accused of being behind violent attacks against immigrants.

- The party won nearly seven per cent of the vote May 6, giving it 21 seats in the 300-member parliament. It was a radical increase from its showing in the previous elections in 2009, when the party had won just 0.31 per cent of the vote.

people who will take the country back 500 years have got into the Greek parliament."

He then turned on prominent Communist party member Liana Kanelli, who had gotten up out of her chair with a newspaper in hand and appeared to throw it at the Golden Dawn member.

Talk-show host Giorgos Papadakis ran over to Kasidiaris to attempt to calm him, shouting "No, no, no!"

Kasidiaris, who had served



Ilias Kasidiaris of the Golden Dawn party appears to physically assault Liana Kanelli, a member of the Greek Communist party. ANTENA TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in the Greek military's special forces, allegedly hit Kanelli around the face three times, with right-left-right slaps to the sides of her head.

Kasidiaris was elected to parliament in the country's recent inconclusive polls. Deputies from all seven parties that won parliament seats in

the May 6 polls had been invited on the show.

"The government condemns in the most categorical way the attack by Golden Dawn spokesman Ilias Kasidiaris against Liana Kanelli and Rena Dorou," government spokesman Dimitris Tsiodras said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Luxembourg. European leaders reject new border-control proposal

Interior ministers from the European Union's 27 member-countries rejected Thursday a proposal to grant the bloc's executive commission oversight over when national governments can reintroduce border controls.

Passport-free travel in much of the continent under the so-called Schengen agreement is considered one of the EU's signal achievements. The agreement, however, states that the individual countries can stop the free movement of people across their borders temporarily "if a serious threat to public order or domestic security exists."

As many European countries face economic crises, illegal migration from countries outside the Schengen zone has put strains on the agreement because countries within the region have been restrained from checking people's passports as they cross onto their soil.

The interior ministers met in Luxembourg on Thursday to consider the proposal by EU Home Affairs Commissioner Cecilia Malmstroem, which would give the European Parliament greater say over when and for how long the controls can be re-established.

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Church weddings

Denmark approves new same-sex law

Denmark's parliament has approved a law allowing same-sex couples to get married in formal church weddings instead of the short blessing ceremonies that the state's Lutheran Church currently offers.

Lawmakers voted 85-24 on Thursday to change Denmark's marriage laws.

The law takes effect June 15 and will put Denmark on par with countries such as Iceland and Sweden that allow full wedding ceremonies for gay and lesbian couples.

In 1989, Denmark became the first country to allow the registration of gay partnerships. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Cape Cod. Residents excited, wary about rumoured first-ever bear

The biggest sensation on Cape Cod right now isn't the lobster, the lighthouses or the sand dunes. It's not even a Kennedy. It's a bear.

A bruin, believed to have swam about 152 metres across the Cape Cod Canal from the mainland in late May, has captured the imagination of residents as it traipses across the peninsula. Officials say research dating to the 1700s suggests this is the first bear on the Cape.

"Well, my goodness. How often do you see a bear on Cape Cod?" said Marion Larson, a spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. "It's really cool, and people are really excited about it."

A Cape Cod Times reporter told the paper she spotted the bear around 6 a.m. Thursday and said it bounded across the road like a puppy.

The bear, likely a male about three years old, has been seen near a chicken coop, a cranberry bog, a golf course and more than a dozen other locations along a 96-kilometre stretch of the Cape.

Now that the bear has

Following

1,300

Boston-area newscasts are featuring daily updates on the bear's whereabouts, and a Cape Cod Bear Twitter feed has nearly 1,300 followers.

reached the tip of the Cape, wildlife officials say they may attempt to immobilize and move it to an area where other bears live.

Bears don't generally turn around and go back where they came from, and he can't go any farther east.

"He's at the end of the line, as far as real estate," Larson said.

But Provincetown police officer Ruth Anne Cowing, who handles animal-control duties for the town, said officials there are hoping the bear will retrace its steps and get out of town. So far it's stayed mostly in the woods and retreated every time it's seen a person.

"Now he's at the very end, so he needs to make a decision or we'll make it for him," she said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Search and rescue

A Thai customs official shows a rescued pangolin during a news conference in Bangkok Thursday. Thai customs rescued 110 pangolins worth about \$35,500 US that they say were to be sold outside the country as exotic food. **SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

London 2012. Still plenty of Canadian interest in the Olympics: Survey

A new poll suggests Canada's Olympic spirit is high heading into the London Summer Games.

In a recent Canadian Press-Harris/Decima survey, two-thirds of respondents knew where the Olympics were being held this summer and planned to follow them closely.

The pollster chalks the enthusiasm up to a post-Olympic honeymoon from the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

"I think we definitely are in a 2010 honeymoon in terms of Canadians and their showing of Olympic spirit, for sure," Harris/Decima vice-president Patricia Thacker said in an interview. "The Olympics aren't being held here, but there definitely does still seem to be some interest in them."

The telephone survey of just over 1,000 people was conducted between May 24 and 27 and has a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The London Olympics are exactly 50 days away, with the opening ceremony slated for July 27.

The survey indicated the in-

Olympic spirit

The results of the Olympic poll showed the support of the Canadian public for their athletes.

- Seven in 10 people polled agreed with using tax dollars to fund Own the Podium, which oversees the competitive aspects of athletes' lives.
- Seven out of 10 also felt it's important the Canadian team hit its medal target.

tensity of Canadians' interest is not as strong as it was prior to 2010. Two in 10 planned to watch the Summer Games "very closely" compared to three in 10 prior to 2010.

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Egypt

Mubarak's health deteriorates

Hosni Mubarak's condition has deteriorated so much that doctors at the Cairo prison where he is serving a life sentence had to administer oxygen to him overnight.

Officials at Cairo's Torah prison said Mubarak, 84, has breathing problems, high blood pressure and depression.

His son, Gamal, is also



Former dictator Hosni Mubarak lies on a gurney in 2011 en route to court in Cairo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

held in the same prison.
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Iraq

Top Hussein deputy executed

Saddam Hussein's trusted personal secretary, once No. 4 on the U.S. most-wanted list in Iraq, was executed by hanging Thursday.

Abd Hamid Hmoud was the latest in a series of former senior regime officials to be executed by Iraq's new rulers since the toppling of Hussein.

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Sentenced in absentia

Fugitive Arafat aide convicted

The Palestinian anti-corruption court on Thursday convicted the fugitive money man of the late Yasser Arafat of siphoning off millions of dollars in public funds, sentencing him to 15 years in prison. The court also found Mohammed Rashid guilty of embezzlement and money laundering.

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Civilian deaths can't be tolerated, Karzai says

Afghanistan. 18 reported dead in NATO airstrike as villagers displayed bodies, which included women and children

Afghanistan's president said Thursday that 18 people killed in a NATO airstrike in eastern Afghanistan were all civilians.

NATO has so far said it has no records of civilian deaths from the pre-dawn strike Wednesday on a house in Logar province.

The NATO and Afghan troops were going after a local Taliban leader when the international coalition says they came under fire and called in an airstrike on the house.

"This is unacceptable. It cannot be tolerated," Afghan President Hamid Karzai said.

He criticized NATO for not being able to provide an explanation for the vans piled with women and chil-

Strained relations

NATO confirmed only deaths of militants from the strike but has sent in a team to investigate allegations that civilians were killed either alongside or instead of insurgents.

- Karzai said that he was cutting short his trip to China because of events. Also on Wednesday, a trio of suicide bombers killed 22 people in the marketplace of Kandahar city.
- Raids on militants taking cover in villages have been a repeated source of strained relations between the Afghan government and its international allies.

dren's bodies that villagers displayed to reporters. NATO confirmed only deaths of militants from the strike.

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Bomb in Pakistan kills 14

A plainclothes police officer, bottom left, gathers body parts from the site of a bomb explosion in Quetta, southwest Pakistan, Thursday. The bomb, attached to a bicycle, exploded outside a Sunni Muslim seminary. ARSHAD BUTT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

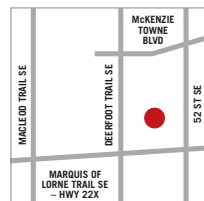
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Romney tops Obama's May fundraising

Campaign. Democrats raised nearly \$4 million more than Republicans in April

Mitt Romney and the Republican Party surged ahead of U.S. President Barack Obama and the Democrats in fundraising for the first time Thursday, raising \$76.8 million US in May. Obama and

his party raised \$60 million.

The latest figure represents a significant jump in fundraising by Romney. He and the Republicans brought in \$40 million in April, just short of the \$43.6 million Obama and his party raised that month.

Obama and the Democrats had been hoping their fundraising jump from the previous month would shore up a campaign rattled by bad economic news and a momen-

Quoted

"We need to stay focused, work hard and ignore the ups and downs."

Jim Messina, Obama campaign manager

tum-blunting loss for a fellow Democrat in Wisconsin.

The 2012 presidential race is expected to be the most expensive in U.S. history, with

both Obama's re-election organization and Romney's operation each aiming to haul down as much as \$1 billion to spend on their bids for the nation's highest office.

Through May, Obama and Democratic groups backing his campaign have raised about \$510 million.

Romney and Republicans supporting him had brought in more than \$400 million through April.

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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on Thursday. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

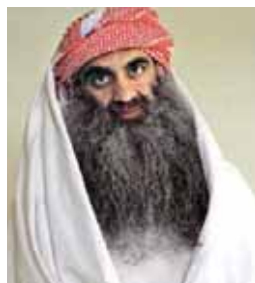
U.S. law. Tape recordings of 9-11 mastermind may be omitted from evidence

Military prosecutors won't say whether they plan to use newly disclosed tape recordings in the upcoming trial of 9-11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed even though the tapes could solve the prosecution's problems with tainted evidence.

A new book says Justice Department prosecutors were stunned to learn three years ago that the U.S. military had secretly tape-recorded incriminating comments that Mohammed made to fellow detainees during daily prison-yard conversations but was not planning to use them at military tribunals.

In "Kill or Capture: The War on Terror and the Soul of the Obama Presidency," journalist Daniel Klaidman says Mohammed was caught on tape boasting to other detainees about his part in the 9-11 attacks.

According to the book, Mohammed mentioned specific pieces of evidence, documents and computer files that could be tied directly to him through his voluntary statements to other detainees at the military prison at



Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the accused mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

It is unclear whether the military has changed its mind and now plans to use the recordings against Mohammed at his military commission trial. On Wednesday, a Pentagon spokesman, army Lt. Col. Todd Breausseale, declined to comment.

In 2009, Justice prosecutors were surprised that military prosecutors were not going to use the recordings because civilian prosecutors regularly use jailhouse statements of inmates against them at trial.

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Terrorism

Kenyan police list sites under threat

Kenya's police force has listed seven buildings, including the headquarters of the revenue authority, as being under immediate risk of a terror attack from an al-Qaida-linked militant group that has threatened to bring down skyscrapers in Kenya's capital city, an internal UN security report says.

Somalia's al-Shabab militant group last week said it would attack Kenya's skyscrapers within two weeks, a warning that followed a bomb attack in Nairobi's city centre that killed one person and injured 32 others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Torture?

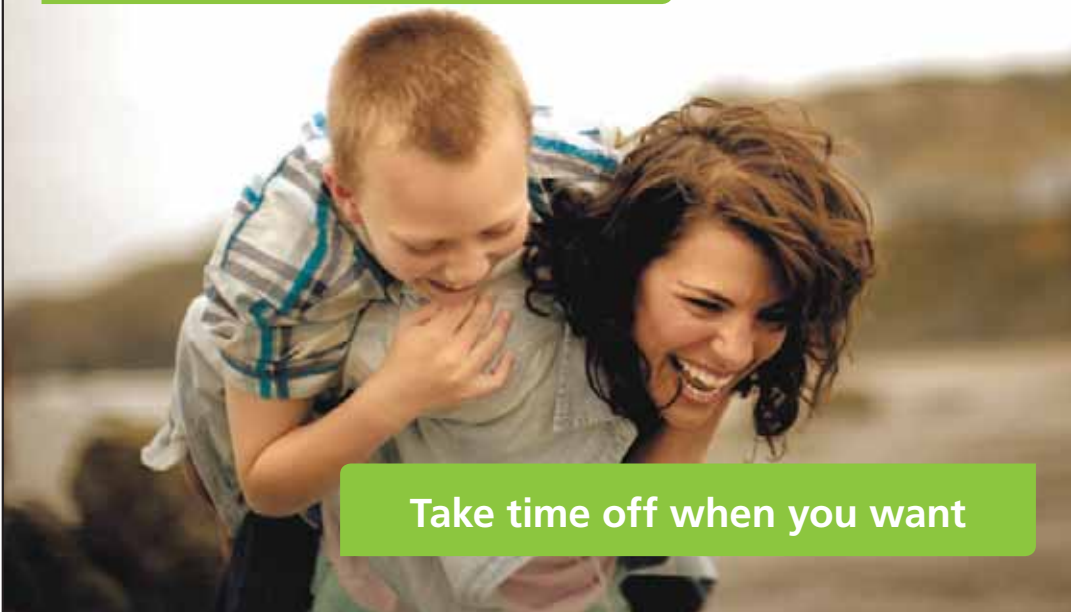
Federal lawyers dismiss UN criticism of Canada

The federal government used an Ottawa courtroom Thursday to fire back at United Nations criticism that Canada was "complicit" in a human rights violation against three Arab-Canadian men.

The Justice Department dismissed the criticism of the UN Committee Against Torture, which last week called for Canada to apologize to Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad El Maati and Muayyed Nureddin, who were held in Syria after the 9-11 attacks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Municipalities liable in horrific crash

Ontario Court of Appeal. The court supported a lower-court ruling that 'the greater degree of fault' lay with Oshawa and Scugog Township

The city of Oshawa and Scugog Township are liable for the catastrophic injur-

ies two teenage sisters sustained in a crash caused in part by dangerous road conditions, Ontario's top court ruled Thursday.

In dismissing their arguments, the Ontario Court of Appeal found the municipalities had failed to ensure the road was safe and therefore mainly at fault even though the driver was speeding.

The crash, which left the sisters quadriplegic — and

Failed to ensure road safe

The justices noted the accident hill presented an unusual and dangerous deflection of light.

- There was no posted speed limit and no centre line.

gave rise to \$30 million in claims — occurred one

night in August 2004, when Shannon Deering, 19, of Port Perry, Ont., was driving her younger sister Erica, 16, and three of her friends to a movie theatre in nearby Whitby.

As they neared the crest of a hill on an unlit rural road, Shannon Deering was blinded by the headlights of an oncoming vehicle, and believed she was about to have a head-on crash.

She steered to the right,

lost control and veered into a ditch. The car rolled twice and hit a rock culvert.

The sisters suffered terrible spinal cord damage.

In a ruling in October 2010, Ontario Superior Court Justice Peter Howden found Shannon Deering to be one-third liable for the crash, and Oshawa and Scugog Township liable for the balance.

In their appeal, the municipalities argued they

were not at fault. They said Howden was wrong to conclude the road was in bad condition and he had minimized the driver's negligence.

The Court of Appeal disagreed, saying the findings were amply supported by the evidence.

Details of discussions around damages to be paid by the city were not disclosed.

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'Pirates' decry power costs

Activist Sharon Murphy joins in on Thursday with pirate-themed protesters, upset with rising power rates and high executive compensation at Nova Scotia Power and parent company Emera.

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Newfoundland

Cat nightmare in Corner Brook

About 40 cats retrieved from a home in western Newfoundland last month have been euthanized.

Nearly 200 cats were trapped after city officials and animal rescue workers entered a Corner Brook bungalow on May 24.

One animal rescue worker says there were cats on every surface of the home.

SPCA spokesman Rod Lyver says some cats have been adopted, but others may have to be euthanized if they don't find new homes in the coming weeks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

British Columbia

Horse shooter on the loose in B.C.?

A search is underway in northeastern B.C. for the person who shot a horse as it stood in a pasture just steps away from a Fort St. John home.

Owner Lynette Kitt says she's certain the shooter was trying to kill the horse, but the small calibre bullet just missed the jugular vein, leaving the animal agitated and in pain, but alive. An SUV pulled into their drive prior to the shooting.

Kitt says she has heard of similar shootings in the region, but RCMP are only confirming one investigation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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**Michael Salvatori, registrar of the Ontario College of Teachers, in Toronto on Thursday.** COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teachers review takes on disciplinary system

Sexual misconduct.

Those found guilty
could lose their
certification for at least
five years: Ontario report

Teachers found guilty of sexual misconduct involving students should almost always lose their certification for at least five years, a report released Thursday recommends.

In addition, the review of the disciplinary system for Ontario's teachers urges that allegations of sexual misconduct be dealt with in an open hearing, not through a dispute-resolution process.

Those are among 49 recommendations from former provincial chief justice Patrick

LeSage, whose nine-month review followed criticism of the Ontario College of Teachers over its disciplinary practices.

Critics argued the system lacked transparency, the identities of teachers disciplined for misconduct were shielded, or that bad teachers received slaps on the wrist.

The report tackles the issues head on.

LeSage calls for disciplinary information — including the names of teachers charged with misconduct — to be publicized, hearings to be open, and decisions be readily accessible via the college's website.

Decisions in less serious cases arrived at through a dispute-resolution process rather than full-scale hearings should also be publicized, the report says.

In addition, reinstatement

hearings, currently closed to the public, should also as a rule be open, LeSage says.

"The overriding principle must be transparency and openness," LeSage states in his 76-page report.

"All hearings must be open unless there are exceptional circumstances."

While LeSage was reluctant to mandate minimum penalties, he said sexual offences involving students should "almost invariably" lead to a minimum five-year teaching ban.

Information about the ban should remain indefinitely on the public record, he says.

"Cases involving sexual abuse and sexual misconduct by a teacher involving a student are most serious of fences," LeSage says.

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Samoa. Ex-teacher gets jail time for impregnating girl

A former American Samoa elementary school teacher must serve more than two years in prison for having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old student he impregnated.

The High Court of American Samoa on Wednesday sentenced Tone Pulou to 28 months and ordered him to register as a sex offender. Pulou pleaded guilty last month to rape under a plea agreement with prosecutors.

Associate Justice Lyle Richmond said Pulou can apply for work release during his jail term. Once he's employed, he must pay \$100 a month in child support for his son.

"The defendant had a promising future," Richmond said. "However, he made a terrible and a serious mistake."

Pulou, 26, originally was also charged with first-degree

sexual abuse and endangering the welfare of a child. Both charges were dropped under the plea deal. He admitted that on a date between September 2009 and February 2010, while a teacher at Alofau Elementary, he had sexual intercourse with the girl.

According to court documents, hospital staff contacted Child Protective Services in mid-2010 about a pregnant minor after the girl and her mother went to LBJ Medical Center to see an obstetrician. The girl told police she and Pulou had sex in his pickup truck.

Pulou abused his position of authority, Deputy Attorney General Mitzie Jessop Folau said Thursday.

"I wish the court had been harsher and gave the defendant a longer detention term," she said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Income

Singer Lauryn Hill charged over taxes

Eight-time Grammy winner Lauryn Hill has been charged with failing to file income-tax returns for several years with the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. attorney's office in New Jersey announced Thursday.

Hill earned more than \$1.6 million US during 2005, 2006 and 2007, the three years that she failed to file returns, federal prosecutors said. Hill's primary source of income is royalties from the recording and film industries, prosecutors said. She also owns and operates four corporations: Creations Music Inc., Boogie Tours Inc., L.H. Productions 2001 Inc. and Studio 22 Inc., according to court papers.

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Aging robber says boredom led him to steal

A life of crime. 'We got nothing better to do. We sit around talking,' the 73-year-old tells judge

A reputed Chicago mobster who gained notoriety three decades ago for stealing the 45-carat Marlborough Diamond from a London jewelry store was sentenced to prison in another case Thursday, telling the judge he got involved in more robberies because he was bored.

Arthur (The Brain) Rachel, 73, was sentenced to eight-and-a-half years in prison for his involvement in planning robberies with two other accomplices, both of whom are also in their 70s. Before the sentencing,

Previous exploit

Rachel and Joseph (The Monk) Scalise staged a daring daytime theft of the Marlborough Diamond in 1980.

- Court.** Both men were convicted in Britain of threatening to use a hand grenade while robbing London's posh Graff Jewellers of \$3.6 million worth of goods, including the diamond.
- Mystery.** The diamond was never recovered.

U.S. District Court Judge Harry Leinenweber asked Rachel why he got involved after spending nearly a decade in prison for the diamond heist.

"It's the way we are," Rachel said. "We got nothing better to

do. We sit around talking."

Federal prosecutor Amarjeet Bhachu didn't mince words in characterizing Rachel, noting his long criminal history.

"This thug has the gall to ask for leniency when he does the same thing over and over," Bhachu told the court. "He is a parasite. He lives off of others. The public needs to be protected from this man."

Leinenweber found Rachel guilty in a bench trial, while his co-defendants — Joseph Scalise, 74, and Robert Pullia, 70 — pleaded guilty earlier. Evidence presented during Rachel's trial included a stepladder that the would-be robbers intended to use in a 2010 burglary at the home of the late Chicago mobster Angelo (The Hook) LaPietra.

Authorities arrested the senior citizens, dressed in black, outside the house.

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Toronto

Mayor angry over plastic-bag ban

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford calls the vote to ban single-use plastic bags the "dumbest thing council's done" and says it shows people should pay more attention to municipal politics. City council passed a motion Wednesday to scrap the five-cent retail bag fee on July 1, removing one of Ford's pet peeves. Council then voted to ban distribution of plastic bags altogether as of next Jan. 1.

"It's just ludicrous," Ford told radio station AM 640 on Thursday. The mayor then directed his frustration to voters, saying they need to get in councillors' faces to stop things like this from happening.

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'No loving, no shoving'

Students fight 'ban' on hugs

Four students at Earnscliffe Senior Public School in Brampton, Ont., have planned a "hug-in" at their school to protest a "no loving, no shoving" rule. There's a Facebook page for the June 20 event and an online petition that's been gaining momentum. For its part, the Peel District School Board says there is no ban on hugging.

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Up, up and away

A vendor offers balloons on Zamkowy Square, with the National Stadium in the background, during the Euro 2012 soccer championship in Warsaw, Poland, on Thursday.

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Ports import little U.S. cargo: Agency

Trade irritant.

U.S. senators had complained Canada was unfairly subsidizing diversion of ships

A commissioner on a U.S. federal agency probing whether Canadian ports on the West Coast are luring lucrative cargo business away from their American counterparts says the problem may be minimal.

The Canadian government and other officials have told the Federal Maritime Commission that over a period of 10 years, only 2.5 per cent of U.S.-bound cargo was imported via Canadian ports, the agency's Rebecca Dye said Thursday.

Speaking at a Canadian American Business Council conference on China, Dye didn't say when the commission would complete its investigation and deliver its findings to U.S. Congress.

But the matter has been a simmering trade irritant between the U.S. and Canada ever since a pair of senators from Washington state com-

Canadian response

Andrew Mayer, an official at the Prince Rupert Port Authority, pointed out that Canadian officials hardly give cargo ships a free ride.

- While the U.S. taxes shippers, Canada charges them a user fee, he said. "We charge them to help fund the maintenance of these ports, but we don't have a tax."

plained that Canadians are unfairly subsidizing the diversion of cargo ships away from their American competitors, particularly in Prince Rupert, B.C.

The cargo issue was a key topic during a panel discussion at the CAB event on the Canada-U.S. relationship with China that veered into myriad bilateral trade issues.

Two U.S. senators, a congressman and an Obama administration official took part in the event, but a pair of Canadian cabinet ministers — Tony Clement and Joe Oliver — were no-shows, leaving Canada's federal government unrepresented at the conference. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Best Buy founder steps down

Richard Schulze, the founder and outgoing chairman of Best Buy, pictured above, announced his resignation from the board on Thursday and said that he may sell off his 20.1 per cent stake in the beleaguered electronics retailer. Schulze, 71, has been with the company since its inception in 1966 and is its largest shareholder by far. The second-largest holder, Fidelity Management & Research Co., has a 6.9 per cent stake in the company. It's the latest news to hit the Minneapolis company facing increasing competition from online retailers and a CEO scandal, and it removes one obstacle for a possible private-equity takeover of the company. Shares fell nearly eight per cent in morning trading.

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Aircraft. No buyers for Aveos' airframe unit

Hope appears to be fading for most former Aveos employees after no potential buyers expressed interest in the aircraft maintenance firm's airframe unit, says a report by the monitor overseeing the company's restructuring.

The business employed about 1,500 of the 2,600 people who worked at Aveos before it closed its operations in March and obtained court protection from creditors under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act.

Work on repairing and overhauling airframes has increasingly gone to low-cost operations in Asia, Latin America and elsewhere.

Employees

1,500

Aveos' airframe unit employed over half of the company's 2,600 workers before it closed operations in March.

Aveos has said that its airframe business was not viable, suggesting the most buyer interest will be focused on the components and engine repair divisions.

Air Canada has reached an agreement with Aveos Fleet Performance Inc. that could facilitate the sale of those two divisions, accord-

ing to a June 5 report from FTI Consulting Canada Inc., the court-appointed monitor assisting with the Aveos restructuring.

The airline had earlier filed a motion last month to terminate contracts with its former subsidiary, but later withdrew the effort and agreed to continue negotiations.

Union representative Jean Poirier said Air Canada's move is good, but it doesn't guarantee that engine and component work will return. And there's also nothing positive for the airframe segment.

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Five Wives. Idaho rescinds ban on 'offensive' vodka

Idaho reversed direction in the face of a lawsuit Wednesday and said it will sell Five Wives Vodka, but the liquor producer whose label makes an unmistakable reference to polygamy would not immediately rule out legal action.

The Idaho State Liquor Division last week rejected as offensive the product that shows five women hiking up their skirts on the vodka bottle. Idaho is more than 25 per cent Mormon, and the church at one time allowed polygamy but abandoned the

practice in 1890.

The vodka originates from Ogden's Own Distillery in Utah, where the Mormon church is based. The company said it would sue Idaho on principle if necessary.

The state's decision allows the company to sell the vodka only by special order.

Steve Conlin, a partner and marketing chief for Ogden's Own Distillery, said Wednesday the company's attorneys would review Idaho's decision before making a statement, likely on Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Economy. Federal Reserve chief offers positive outlook

U.S. Federal Reserve chief Ben Bernanke sketched a hopeful outlook in testimony to a congressional panel Thursday and sent no signals that the Fed will take further steps soon to aid the economy.

Bernanke acknowledged that Europe's debt crisis poses risks to the U.S. financial markets. He also noted that U.S. unemployment remains high at 8.2 per cent. And he said the Fed is prepared to take steps to boost the U.S. economy if it weakens.

But he said Fed officials still need to study the most recent economic trends, including job growth. For now, Bernanke said he foresees moderate growth this year.

He said he's mindful that all that could change, if Europe's crisis quickly worsened or U.S. job growth stalled.

"As always, the Federal Reserve remains prepared to take action as needed to protect the U.S. financial system and economy in the event that financial stresses escalate," he said.

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High-tech travel

Toronto airport being outfitted with 2,500 iPads

Toronto's Pearson International Airport is one of three airports to be outfitted with thousands of iPads by restaurant company OTG Management.

The company says it will install 2,500 Apple tablets at the Toronto airport over the next 18 months. The iPads will be available to use in restaurants or waiting areas.

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Tablet terminated

RIM discontinues 16 GB PlayBook

Research In Motion says it is discontinuing the lowest-priced model of its BlackBerry PlayBook tablet.

A spokeswoman says the Waterloo, Ont.-based company has stopped production on the 16 GB Wi-Fi PlayBook.

RIM said it continues to manufacture both the 32 GB and 64 GB models of the PlayBook.

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THE LIST
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1 **Bonnaroo.** Eighty thousand people are camping out on a 700 acre site in Manchester, Tenn., this weekend for the epic music festival Bonnaroo, which features 150 acts on 13

stages. The likes of Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish and the Beach Boys will all be there. Best overnight-guitar-campfire-sing-song ever.

2 **Home ATM.** NBA player DeShawn Stevenson installed an ATM machine in his Dallas home to allow his buddies to withdraw money before they go out partying. Each ATM withdrawal at his house will cost you a \$4.50 fee. I'm taking that idea to the bank.

3 **Rob Lowe takes Winnipeg.** There have been spottings of him in town all week, where he's filming The Casey Anthony Story for Lifetime TV, playing the part of prosecutor Jeff Ashton. One woman tweeted the Lowe-down, "Guess who just met Rob Lowe? Yeah, that's right. Moi. 80s dream realized. And yes, we touched. Le sigh. #Winnipeg."

4 **B.C. limo driver.** A limo driver in Vernon, B.C., called police Saturday night because of drunken passengers in his vehicle. Just one problem: When the police showed up, the driver himself had been drinking. And he failed a roadside breath test. He's now facing an impaired-driving charge.

5 **Graceland.** Commemorative CD/DVD editions of Paul Simon's landmark Graceland album came out this week, marking the album's 25th anniversary. They include the new Graceland documentary, Under African Skies, chronicling its recording and impact on world music and pop culture. Must-watch.

6 **Natural-born narcissist.** Suspected killer Luka Rocco Magnotta was arrested at an Internet café in Berlin this week. Which really shouldn't surprise anyone, as the ultimate self-promoter was there checking out reports on the manhunt for himself.

7 **Russell Brand.** At the MTV Movie Awards, Brand wasted no time in his opening monologue addressing his divorce from Katy Perry. "The last time I did an MTV awards show, I did end up marrying someone that was there. So tonight I'm going to keep my eyes peeled for my next wife!" No word if he kissed a girl that night.

8 **Celine Dion.** Celine Dion's heart goes out to Kate Winslet, who has said the Titanic theme song, My Heart Will Go On, makes her sick. Dion said on the Today show this week: "If I just count how many times I've sung it, maybe it'll get me sick. If she feels tired just hearing it, and, like, throwing up, I'm glad she was not the one singing it." You should hear me belt it out.

9 **Twitter's new birdie.** The famous little blue bird doesn't need any accessories anymore, as Twitter announced this week "there's no longer a need for text, bubbled typefaces, or a lowercase 't' to represent Twitter." So now it's just the birdie. In other news, the blue jay in my backyard still has a bird bath.

10 **Miley Cyrus.** It was just yesterday that my girls were watching her as Hannah Montana, and now the 19-year-old has gone and gotten engaged. Yes, she announced her engagement to her boyfriend, actor Liam Hemsworth. No word if dad Billy Ray will sing Achy Breaky Heart at her wedding.

11 **Melissa Stetten.** The model hilariously live-tweeted as an unknown actor Brian Pressly — a devout Christian who's married with a child — hit on her during a flight. Sample tweet: "Brian has a wedding ring. I ask him how his wife is, he says he just wears the ring because he likes it. Right, Brian." Horrible acting job, Brian.

12 **Brock University.** Graduating students there were treated to some Hollywood celebrity when Ryan Gosling showed up with girlfriend Eva Mendes on campus to watch his mom graduate on Wednesday. Notebook ending to their schooling.



Schtick man. Russell Brand at the MTV Movie Awards where he delivered his pickup line. MATT SAYLES/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How they roll in 'Skateistan'



SKATEISTAN.ORG

Sports outreach

Afghan boys, girls totally get on board

Skateistan is a unique NGO in war-torn Afghanistan that teaches skateboarding to hundreds of children.

The group set up the only skatepark in Kabul, and includes girls, who are forbidden from riding bicycles and playing sports in the country.

Skateistan unveils a new book and exhibition of its story this week in Germany.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Stealth triumph

"Our advantage was that nobody had heard of skateboarding."

Frauke Meyn, project manager, Skateistan

The group is 40 per cent female, and has cut across ethnic boundaries. Staff say the key to avoiding controversy has been close links with the community and regular dialogue with the families of skaters. The skate park is discreetly positioned out of public view.



Skater girls, Afghan style. RHIANON BADER/SKATEISTAN.ORG

Skateistan timeline

- **2007.** Group established by Australian skateboarder Oliver Percovich.
- **2009.** Construction of the Kabul skatepark completed.
- **2012.** New Mazar-e-Sharif centre to open in July.

Adventure playground

5,428

The size, in square metres, of the skatepark in Kabul, donated by the Afghan National Olympic Committees.



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Foie gras: Delicious or despicable?



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Prometheus is all about the aesthetics. HANDOUT

Script taints aesthetic gem

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Prometheus.

Ridley Scott's latest imagining is pretty, but the '70s sci-fi dialogue makes it go clunk

Richard: Chris, thematically Prometheus is equally about creation and destruction. As a piece of entertainment goes, however, I'm not sure it will create lasting memories. It won't destroy the goodwill of the first couple of Alien films, but I don't think it will add much to the legacy either. For me there is very little big bang in a movie that is reportedly about the most significant discovery in the history of mankind. You?

Chris: I was blindsided. My expectations were low to none. I didn't want Alien redux, I wanted something different and I got it. The visuals were so grandiose, the aesthetics so night-

marish and baroque that I was dazzled. Only when the pithy dialogue steered the ship did I reject it ... but then something would ooze, a storm would rage and I was back in. And hey, it's not 1979 anymore. We've seen it all and I'm pleased that Scott chose to dwell on dread rather than simple chest-bursting shock. But man ... that dialogue!

RC: It may not be 1979 anymore, but I agree, the dialogue sounded like leftover, bad late '70s sci-fi films. I expected a higher level of writing from a movie that is more about ideas than action. Having said that, I loved Michael Fassbender's automaton space butler. He's got many of the film's best lines and if they ever need someone to play the lead in The Peter O'Toole Story, he's the guy.

CA: Fassbender is fantastic, Rapace is scrappy ... but for me, this was all about aesthetics. Then again, with Scott, it was always about aesthetics. Alien

Synopsis

The basic storyline of Alien is in place in Prometheus, just don't call this movie a sequel or a prequel lest you annoy Sir Ridley. A group of hapless space travellers faceoff with some intergalactic nasties who give hugging a bad name. But these face huggers aren't the movie's main draw. Led by Elizabeth Shaw (Noomi Rapace) and Charlie Holloway (Logan Marshall-Green), the expedition into the far corners of the universe aims to prove a connection between ancient human civilizations and extraterrestrials. Chris Alexander sits in for Mark Breslin.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Chris: ●●●●

had no story, it found its power in dread, atmosphere and de-

sign. Blade Runner had no story, only a philosophy and a MacGuffin and again, exists as a testament to mood, music and architecture. With Prometheus, there are things in here that I haven't seen or experienced since, well, since Blade Runner; things I will never forget. And while there may be no chest-burster freak-outs, one word: Caesarean!

RC: (Mild spoiler) Four words! Do it yourself caesarean! The movie's slow build nicely leads up to that memorable scene, adding an element of horror to the heady mix of ideas but I expected more from Scott. Perhaps Alien set the bar too high for the director to leap over.

CA: I prefer to see it as Alien vs. Predator draining the IQ of the franchise so that Prometheus appears like Potemkin by comparison. But in all seriousness, Prometheus gave me a massive sensory jolt. Great Scott, give me more!

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Stars out to end violence against women

Academy Award winners Nicole Kidman and Mira Sorvino urged an end to violence against women at a concert Wednesday night in New York City to support the UN agency that promotes equality for women and an end to attacks against millions of women and girls. General Assembly President Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser of Qatar brought the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra to the UN to celebrate his leadership of the 193-member world body this year and dedicated the concert to supporting UN Women, which came into existence in 2010.

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On the web



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Spoiler alert!

So, Ridley Scott's long-awaited Prometheus is finally here, and the results are ... disappointing. While visually stunning, the story — about a group of scientists heading into space in search of man's origins and filled with holes. Since we're always looking to be helpful, here's what we'd do differently:

Make it scarier

Scott continually referred to Prometheus as a horror movie in the lead up to its release, yet the finished product is surprisingly short on scares, save for one fantastic surgery scene. A lot of this might have to do with the fact that, for most of the film, it's not really clear what the threat is — aside from some very powerful wind.

Ease off the old-age makeup

Unless there's a scene of a younger Peter Weyland (Guy Pierce) that was cut from the film — and maybe that TED talk viral video was originally supposed to be included — it seems unnecessary to cast Pierce in the role just to cover him up with unconvincing prosthetics.

Work on the dialogue

The film falters the first time when the ship's pilot, Janek (Idris Elba), shows up with some succinct information about what's in those mysterious vases he hasn't seen in person and why the "engineers" he's never met built them. Why not offer a clue how he came to such a conclusion?

Kill characters with respect

Maybe starting off with fewer characters would've made it possible to avoid instances like Janek's two co-pilots (Eman Elliott and Benedict Wong) deciding to go down with the ship — despite their being a viable escape — just because the story needed them to not be around anymore.

Where to go from here

What would really be awesome would be for Dr. Shaw and the severed head of the android David (Michael Fassbender) star as wacky roommates on a laugh track-filled CBS sitcom. The possibilities for hilarity are endless!

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A tribute to hockey's legendary goon

Ogilthorpe. Short Canadian film based on the life of rock 'em, sock 'em player Bill 'Goldie' Goldthorpe

DORIAN GEIGER

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One of the most iconic characters from the cult 1970s film Slapshot will be coming to life in a new Canadian film entitled Ogilthorpe.

Ogie Ogilthorpe, the villainous goon who cameos in the conclusion of Slapshot, was a character based on real-life goon Bill "Goldie" Goldthorpe.

Like in Slapshot, the real Ogilthorpe's legend precedes him. When Goldthorpe played, his fists did the talking, and his bleach blond afro had the potential to make clowns blush. He once threatened

Don Cherry and got away with it.

And while incarcerated in Syracuse during the American Hockey League season, coaching staff from his team would escort Goldthorpe back and forth from prison between games.

The film, which was shot in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, is the brainchild of executive producer Dave Fergusson. Fergusson thinks that style of rock 'em, sock 'em hockey featured in the film is a thing of the past.

"It was the wild west back then. He (Goldthorpe) was the wildest, most unpredictable player in the league back then. He was the fiercest goon ever to play the game of hockey," said Fergusson.

Fergusson has been transfixed by the legend of Ogilthorpe for some time now.

"That's the beauty of Ogilthorpe. The beauty of his life story is the drama — and it's both on the ice and

off the ice.

"There are incidents where this guy went to a rink in a different league to watch a hockey game and he's a member of neither team and ends up getting involved with the brawl."

Saskatoon fitness trainer and former hockey player Kelly Riou plays the legend of Ogilthorpe. The resemblances between the actor and man in real life are striking.

"I have a curly Afro myself but I keep it completely short because I don't like the curls and the next thing I know they're taking it right back to where it was and blond to boot."

Online

The trailer of Ogilthorpe is debuting on metronews.ca and ogilthorpemovie.com.



Bill 'Goldie' Goldthorpe getting into trouble on the rink. HANDOUT

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Drama



Cosmopolis

Director. David Cronenberg

Stars. Robert Pattinson, Jay Baruchel, Samantha Morton

In *Cosmopolis*, director David Cronenberg takes us on an existential road trip through the breakdown of modern society. Twilight heartthrob Robert Pattinson plays Eric Packer, a 28-year-old billionaire money manager. Powerful, controlling and self-destructive, he's driving across Manhattan to get a haircut in the back of a tricked-out stretch limousine while his world crumbles. It's a challenging film that exists on the macro and the micro, a complex character study of one man's battle to be relevant and alive and a look at the world that is rapidly changing around him.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy



Jesus Henry Christ

Director. Dennis Lee

Stars. Toni Collette, Michael Sheen

A self-consciously quirky comedy about a child prodigy searching for his biological father, Jesus Henry Christ never finds the right tone: it's whimsical one moment and violently mean-spirited the next. Jason Spevack is good as the brilliant 10-year-old protagonist but the adults are cartoonishly drawn and the storytelling is ragged — especially the wildly contrived conclusion.

ADAM NAYMAN

Animation



Madagascar 3

Directors. Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath, Conrad Vernon

Stars. Ben Stiller, Jada Pinkett Smith, Chris Rock

Alex the lion (voiced by Ben Stiller), zebra Marty (Chris Rock), giraffe Melman (David Schwimmer) and hippo Gloria (Jada Pinkett Smith) are still stranded in the African savannah and after a side trip to Monaco they join a circus with hopes of returning to their New York home. The *Madagascar* series has never been my favourite animated franchise but there is more invention and fun in the first 20 minutes of *Madagascar 3* than in all of *Battleship* and *Men in Black 3* combined. The new film is funny — it's worth the price of admission.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy



We Have a Pope

Director. Nanni Moretti

Stars. Nanni Moretti, Michel Piccoli

Italian auteur (and Cannes Film Fest jury president) Nanni Moretti's intriguing comedy *We Have a Pope* explores the notion of a pontiff going rogue with an anxiety attack after gaining his newly appointed status. While the rambling story may meander at times, French acting legend Michel Piccoli gives the protagonist a heavenly presence definitely worth checking out.

STEVE GOW

Akerman sees the other side

Rock of Ages. Actress plays a Rolling Stone reporter in her latest role and realizes it can be a pretty tough gig



Malin Akerman. HANDOUT

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Malin Akerman got a look at how the other half lives in *Rock of Ages*, playing a Rolling Stone reporter tasked with interviewing the infamously difficult rock star Stacee Jaxx (Tom Cruise). Of course, their interview devolves into a raucous, half-naked rendition of *I Want to Know What Love Is*, with Cruise using Akerman's rear end as a microphone at one point. Our interview was, to put it mildly, much more staid.

Has playing this part given you new sympathy for the folks interviewing you?

Absolutely. I mean, I've always had sympathy for you guys because I know it's hard. There's

that whole mix of wanting to get a really good story, and then on our side of the coin not wanting to give too much of a personal life story. It's hard. It's not easy, finding the right balance. But it was fun to play, definitely. It was nice to be on the other side of the coin. I liked it, but a few people I talked to today, they go, "God, I've had an experience like that." There was one woman who went to someone's house and ended up having to interview a rock star in bed. He was still in bed hungover and wouldn't get out of bed.

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On *Around the World in 80 Plates* — a cross between *The Amazing Race* and *Top Chef* — “chefestants” travel the world and complete challenges based on the culture of the city they’re in. Though the series is sending its competitors everywhere from England to Morocco, you don’t have to leave your kitchen to add some of the global flair host Curtis Stone says you can bring to any dish.

“That’s the great thing about a show like this — there’s all sorts of inspiration to be taken from so many different sorts of people. The home cook will learn a lot by watching this.”

Stone breaks down lessons learned from his time abroad.

Italy: Customs are important.

“The culture in Tuscany was just so steeped in tradition, and some of our contestants tried to do stuff that was a little out there — they were just like, ‘That’s not in season right now!’ ‘Basil in a ribollita? Why?’”



Curtis Stone, host of the new TV show *Around the World in 80 Plates*. GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

“The home cook will learn a lot by watching this.”

Curtis Stone

France: Explore your food “(In our episode in France) they do a tasting of different cheeses and have to identify which ones are made with sheep’s milk. I think that opens your eyes to be like, ‘Oh, sheep’s milk, cow’s milk, goat’s milk — what’s the difference?’ They also do a wine

challenge where they have to try and match a bowl of ingredients that have the same bouquets and aromas that the wine has. Watching something like that makes you think, ‘OK, I’m gonna look out for some of those flavours next time I’m drinking a wine.’”

Thailand: One base, many dishes.

“In Chiang Mai, Thai food really comes alive, and they do so much in a mortar and pestle. They use things like galangal, which is very similar to ginger, and they also use ginger, lemongrass (some-

thing that I don’t think we use enough of in the Western world), lime leaves (used more similarly to how we use bay leaves), palm sugar, lime rinds themselves, garlic, cilantro (both the stems and the leaves) — of course lots of fresh chilies — and all that’s pounded together to create this delicious paste. It’s so adaptable, whether it goes into a green papaya salad or a curry. That’s how the Thai cook, which is really inspirational.”

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Television

Rocky Community

The third season of sharp comedy series *Community* was rather rocky in front of the camera and behind it, culminating in the departure of creator Dan Harmon at season’s end. But one of the year’s unrivalled high points came with an episode repeating Friday, in which Troy and Abed’s housewarming party turned into a surreal examination of seven parallel realities (it’s funnier than it sounds). The episode has been nominated for a Hugo Award — given for achievement in sci-fi or fantasy — alongside three different episodes of *Dr. Who*. (NBC)



Community's Troy. HANDOUT

the epics *Kingdom of Heaven* and *Clash of the Titans*, Bravo airs *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, History has the grim Martin Scorsese flick *Casino* and Peachtree TV has the 1995 Best Picture winner *Braveheart*.

Shooting hoops

Basketball fans who have enjoyed this year’s playoffs might like taking a look back at some of the most memorable series in recent history with Friday’s “30 for 30” documentary entitled *Winning Time*. The special focuses on retired NBA sharp-shooter Reggie Miller, who managed to rub an entire city the wrong way during memorable showdowns between his Indiana Pacers and the Knicks — as well as New York’s most visible fan, director Spike Lee. (TSN)

Flick frenzy

There’s a range of cinematic offerings Saturday. MovieTime is airing back-to-back Sandra Bullock offerings (*Miss Congeniality* followed by the Oscar-winning 2009 tear-jerker *The Blind Side*) while Diva counters with two films from Adam Sandler: 2008’s mega-goofy *You Don’t Mess With the Zohan* and 2004’s also-goofy *50 First Dates*. Action has

Mad Men finale

Mad Men’s turbulent fifth season comes to a close with Sunday’s finale. In this installment of the moody period drama, there are opportunities for everyone while Pete meets a stranger on a train. That will be preceded by a new episode of sophomore drama *The Killing*, and since it’s the penultimate installment of the season, answers must surely be just around the corner. (AMC Canada)

True Blood returns

Catch the season premiere of the sudsy vampire saga *True Blood*, which finds Sookie and Lafayette cleaning up a mess (HBO Canada). And the stellar first season of the freshman comedy *Veep* comes to a close with Sunday’s finale, in which Selina travels to Ohio to support a gubernatorial candidate. (HBO Canada)

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Tell Me a Tale about Michael Kiwanuka

Unique sound. The Brits are enamoured with the understated singer's raw, soulful voice, and he's set to hit Bonnaroo music festival

Michael Kiwanuka didn't trust his voice.

For the increasingly large crowd of music fans familiar with the pure, soulful sound of the British singer's ageless voice, this is probably hard to believe. Yet it's true. Kiwanuka thought he was a guitar player and nothing more.

"The people who were big when I was in my mid-teens were like Usher, and Justin Timberlake started coming out," Kiwanuka said in his sing-song lilt. "And there's R&B singers who are amazing. And I would sing and it would sound not really like that at all ... so people just found it weird. When I listened to it back on speakers for demos and stuff, it just sounded like nothing else that was around."

We can all be thankful for that. Kiwanuka eventually found confidence in his voice, and as he prepares to play his



Michael Kiwanuka performed at the SXSW Music Festival in Austin last March. JTHE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

first Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, he arrives with plenty of advance hype, joining top acts like Radiohead, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish, the Beach Boys and more on the bill in Manchester, Tenn.

"I think obviously the first thing that stands out is his

voice," The Black Keys guitarist Dan Auerbach said. "It's pretty amazing. It's got a lot of character." Auerbach was so taken with Kiwanuka's vibe, he reached out and set up a recording session in London on a rare day off. The resulting song, the slow-grooving Lasan, made

the U.S. version of the album, which was recently released digitally.

"He sent me just this little demo he had with just his guitar and his voice," Auerbach said. "And we decided we'd just go in the studio and record it ... It was this weird synchronicity

thing. We came up with the arrangement on the spot. It was nice."

Things didn't always come so easily for Kiwanuka, a child of Ugandan parents who grew up in north London. In fact, he admits to struggling some in his first recording sessions with producer Paul Butler (also lead singer of The Bees).

"The longest studio session I had with him was two weeks, and I was like, 'Great, I've got two weeks to come up with something solid if anything else,'" Kiwanuka said during a recent interview at the South By Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas.

"So we got there and all the songs I had tanked, they just didn't work in the studio. I felt the session kind of falling apart. I had one day off to do what I wanted and I just stayed in my room."

It wasn't until he came up with his breakthrough song Tell Me a Tale that things really got rolling. He emerged with not only words and chords for Tale, but also a Fela-esque retro groove that propelled the song in an exciting way and seemed also to break down the barriers he faced in the studio. Butler could see Kiwanuka's confidence growing daily.

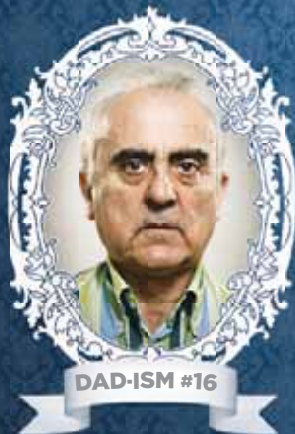
Kiwa-'who'-ka?

Kiwanuka was voted in BBC's Best of Sound 2012 as Britain's top act to watch this year.

- **Background.** Long before his debut album Home Again went gold in his home country, the 25-year-old was already earning attention on both sides of the Atlantic with a series of EPs that showcased his songwriting ability, his understated guitar playing and that voice, which recalls soul singers like Otis Redding and Bill Withers.

"The thing about Tell Me a Tale, it kept its rawness," Butler said in a phone interview. "It has the grit and the dirt in it. It just has like a good intention with it that wasn't necessarily what he was playing. I hope he keeps that for future recordings, the rawness."

Also he's blessed with this amazing African rhythm. You can't really learn what he's doing. It's a lovely thing that first came out in his guitar playing. You've either got it or you haven't." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Members of Alabama Shakes, from left, Zac Cockrell, Brittany Howard, Steve Johnson and Heath Fogg.

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5 rising acts to check out at Bonnaroo

Music. The famous festival kicked off Thursday, so here's a look at some of the under-the-radar artists that will be there

While major acts and headliners like Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Beach Boys and Phish always draw the masses out to the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, it's discovering new acts that's the true joy of the four-day festival down on the farm in Manchester, Tenn.

British singer-songwriter Michael Kiwanuka is one of Bonnaroo's more buzzed-about down-list acts, but he isn't the only rising performer worth fighting the crowds, heat and dust (or downpours) to check out. Here's a look at five more, as the festival kicked off Thursday.

Alabama Shakes

Though not officially a headliner, the live dynamos from north Alabama were given a primo late-night set time Thursday that should sync up nicely with the thousands of fans who've not yet even begun to party. Expect volcanic singer Brittany Howard



Texas singer-songwriter Robert Ellis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to emerge a star.

Danny Brown

With his Flock of Seagulls hair style and slightly psychotic vocal delivery, the Detroit rapper is weird — and no one likes weird more than Bonnarooers. With an early evening time slot before Kendrick Lamar and Yelawolf, expect many thousands to dig Brown's oddball vibe.

Charles Bradley and his Extraordinaires

The old-school survivor is finding success in his 60s and leading a regular soul revival at Bonnaroo, where Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings, Darondo, Soul Rebels, Little Dragon and more will lift your spirits. Bradley plays Saturday.

Robert Ellis

The Texas singer-songwriter is playing in front of large crowds for the first time this summer with slots opening for Willie Nelson and Paul Simon along with Friday and Saturday performances at Bonnaroo. His blend of upbeat honky-tonk and deep folk should earn him a bigger stage next year.

Flying Lotus

Already well-known in electronic circles, the California producer of mind-bending, spacey beats is a Thom Yorke favourite. Could the Radiohead frontman stick around after his band's Friday night headlining slot for his friend's early Saturday morning set, bringing thousands of new listeners with him?

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When the twins come out to play

Breasts. Is it possible that society is taking this sideboob obsession too far?

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

"Decline of Western Civilization #248: The HuffPo has a whole section dedicated to 'sideboob.'" So tweeted one writer, in response to the Huffington Post's new page dedicated to, yes, sideboobs: photos of celebs flashing a little skin, usually at movie premieres or in magazine shoots.

On Thursday, founder Arianna Huffington claimed the section was a joke — it was put together by the site's comedy team in response to comedian Jon Stewart, who said he goes to HuffPo for all his sideboob needs.

But the fact that most people thought it was real says something about the state of the news org, if not civilization.



Kristen Stewart shows off some prime side boob during the Cannes Film Festival last month. ANDREAS RENTZ/GETTY IMAGES

Yay or nay

SIDEBOOB: PRO VS. CON

YES

Miley Cyrus — one of the most common sideboob offenders — famously said she can't be tamed. So, why do we expect that her twins will comply with fabric restraints? We personally don't see all the hoopla about flashing a sly sideways glance, a safe-for-work version instead of a naughty, full frontal presentation.

Sleek and aerodynamic, sideboob-baring outfits aren't only fashionable: they're environmentally friendly. Letting the natural air cool your body cuts down on needing the air conditioner. Using less fabric cuts down on the need to harvest and use more materials.

In all seriousness, breasts are a natural part of our anatomy, and it's time that we stop being prudish. If we can accept that a simple black censor bar over a nipple makes things kosher, we shouldn't be horrified at seeing someone's jiggy parts. There's much more eye-opening bits out there to get upset about. The whole section was intended to be a joke: There's no use of making mountains out of molehills.

NO

We don't know what's more disturbing: that sideboobs have entered the international news discussion or that people actually seek out sideboob entertainment. By bringing attention to this ridiculous craze, the sideboob vertical shows our unhealthy obsession with celebrity culture. Journalism now consists of writing full articles about these exposing moments because that's what readers want — whether they wax poetically about the shapely curves or pretend to be disgusted by it while they linger on the pictures.

As for the celebrities themselves, they seem to have a constant need for attention. Crotch-high slits aren't enough, now you have to expose both sides of your breasts and perhaps one of the cheeks to get the paparazzi to snap a shot? Instead of using their fame to promote worthy causes, they stage shots where they knowingly show off their goods for a little more time in the spotlight. If the sideboob section was a joke in response to The Daily Show with Jon Stewart's comments as Arianna Huffington claims, the satire was lost between the cleavage of both sides of the debate. The section was a cheap way to drum up more publicity and traffic for the Huffington Post. Our best bet is to put our opinions aside and just stop talking about it. The less that sideboobs are shoved in our faces, the better off we will all be.

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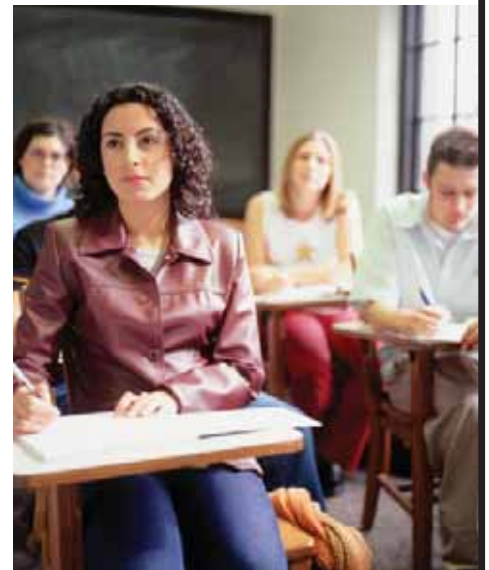
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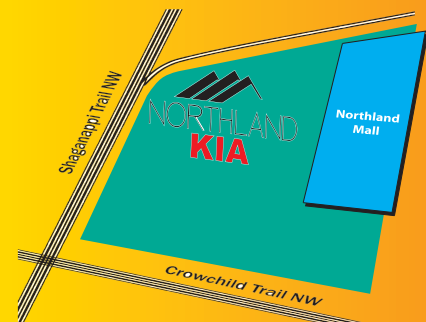
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Familiar Strangeland

The album was recorded at Rice-Oxley's own studio, which provided plenty of time for trial and error: he wrote some 80 to 90 songs before winnowing it down. The return to the rural was beneficial for his process, he says. "I just moved back down to the countryside a couple of years ago near where we grew up. It's a lovely

little town, rural and tucked away. It's good for us to be able to hunker down, be a gang, and not be distracted," he explains. "I find it important to lock myself away and really focus on stuff. I find I think really clearly in the countryside. I find the city inspiring, but I feel like I connect with something in my core when I'm back in the country under the open sky."

Strangeland. Album stays true to band's form with romantic piano ballads and heart-on-sleeve crooning

LUKE O'NEIL
Metro World News Boston

In the years since the release of their 2004 debut *Hopes and Fears*, with its massive crossover hits *Somewhere Only We Know* and *Everybody's Changing*, it's become easy to point to what you might call the Keane sound: plaintive piano pop, melodramatic ballads reaching for the cheap seats and more often than not, landing. You might also call it middling dreck, depending on your taste.

But their past two releases, 2010's *Night Train* EP, and 2008's *Perfect Symmetry* were slight detours for the U.K. hit-makers, with the former experimenting with more complex rhythms and percussion, and the latter leaning into a careening new wave and synth-driven pop-funk synths.

This year's Strangeland, which came out last month and became the band's fifth No. 1 album, is something of a return to form. It has a relatively stripped-down sound: romantic piano ballads and heart-on-sleeve crooning characterized by singles like the pleading, pretty *Silenced By the Night*.

"I think we definitely went on a bit of a journey with *Perfect Symmetry* and *Night Train*, and that was fun and exciting, but I sort of felt as a writer that I was missing something by the end of that process," songwriter and pianist Tim Rice-Oxley explains.

In the interim he worked

Is It Any Wonder?

Rice-Oxley on small-town talent

"We all grew up in small, reasonably rural towns, and I think that effects your way of looking at the world. Traditionally, a lot of great bands come out of small-town life, and the feeling of being a little on the outside, looking in, especially in the U.K."

on a side project with Keane bassist Jesse Quin called Mt. Desolation.

"It had more of a country vibe," he says. "The songs I wrote for that were much more emotional. I found it satisfying, and wanted to reconnect with that kind of writing."

The latest Keane album, he says, was an attempt to "get in touch with something directly emotional without being sort of arty and obtuse."



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Tom Chaplin, Tim Rice-Oxley and Richard Hughes of the band Keane
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No more auction dates for Charlize

Charlize Theron doesn't regret many things, but she does regret letting herself be auctioned off for charity.

"Do not do it. It's like the worst idea ever," Theron tells Conan O'Brien during an interview. While she went through with the blind date with the highest bidder, she admits she "made two girlfriends sit at the restaurant" nearby.

"The closer I got, I thought: 'This could actually turn out really bad. Rich people can be creeps, too! They can rape,'" she says.

"Look, I would rather just give the money (to charity). It was a scary thing. And (the guy) was weird."



Charlie Sheen is far from 'done'

The way Charlie Sheen sees it, he's come a long way since his famous flameout last year, telling Rolling Stone that he's now sober — for the most part.

"I don't see what's wrong with a few drinks," Sheen says in the interview.

"What's your drink? Tequila? Mine's vodka. Straight, because I've always said that ice is for injuries." Speaking of injuries, Sheen

still feels slighted by the way Hollywood pushed him aside after his famous feud with his former Two and a Half Men boss, Chuck Lorre.

"I was blackballed in this friggin' town. I had to generate my own stuff, to say 'I'm not done yet,'" says Sheen, whose new show, Anger Management, is premiering this month.

"I'm not done because they say I'm done."

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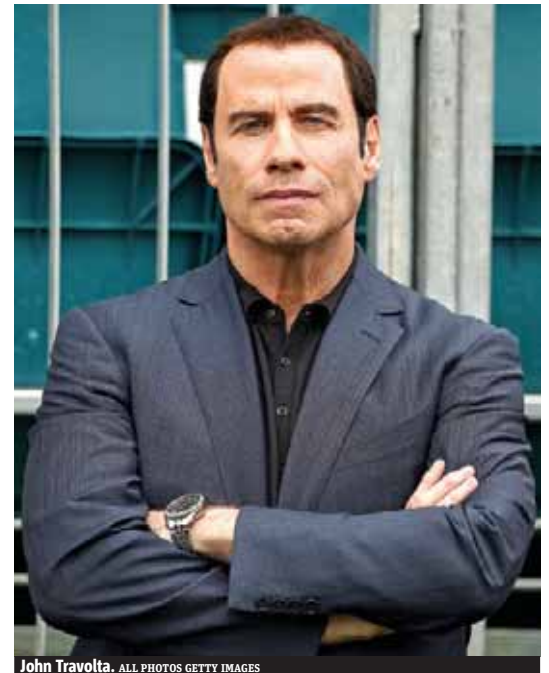
We don't envy Jimmy Kimmel. Whereas the idea of Kardashians is enough to haunt this office, all three were live in his studio on Wednesday night. While he had them there, he took the opportunity to ask Kourtney if she had any plans to marry longtime boyfriend Scott Disick.

"Do you wanna be in my therapy session?" she replied

with a seriously scary laugh (did we mention she is 33 and pregnant with his second child?).

"First of all, I have realized that I have major commitment problems during this pregnancy. I'm really claustrophobic, and all my issues — and I have a lot of them — they all stem from this thing. I can't commit to anything. But I love Scott, and he is my partner."

Kimmel made it out of the conversation as close to alive as you can expect after a close encounter of the Kardashian kind. But if Kourtney is sporting a ring next week, we're going to want a word off air.



John Travolta. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

John Travolta is gay, says former secretary

A former secretary for John Travolta says the actor — who's currently being dogged by multiple sexual assault accusations from men — is gay, according to the National Enquirer.

"Of course I knew he was gay. It never bothered me," says Joan Edwards, who worked for Travolta from 1978 to 1994.

Edwards claims she learned firsthand details from another former employee, Doug Gotterba, who worked as a pilot for Travolta starting in 1981.

"He told me that John was gay and they had a sexual relationship."

Travolta's attorney has yet to comment on the story.

Jim Carrey fires back

Jim Carrey didn't appreciate ex-girlfriend Jenny McCarthy telling Howard Stern that he has refused to maintain a relationship with her son, Evan, who is autistic.

"I will always do what I believe is in the best interest of Evan's well being," says the actor, who denies that

McCarthy has ever reached out. "It's unfortunate that Evan's privacy is not being considered. I love Evan very much and will miss him always."

I think we can all agree on what's important here: There is no way we're watching McCarthy's new reality dating show.

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This recipe makes 12 rolls. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Get sprung on unique summer shrimp rolls

Shrimp & Jicama Spring Rolls. These fresh bites make the perfect appetizers

Imagine crossing a monster potato with a water chestnut.

That's jicama for you. And while not much to look at on the outside, the crisp, crunchy texture and clean, sweet flavour inside makes this veggie worth seeking out.

First, the basics. Jicama is a tuber — a big, brown, round root. A relative of the bean family, it is native to Mexico and South America.

Though most often eaten raw, such as chopped into salads, jicama can be steamed, boiled, sautéed or fried.

The flavour is on the

neutral side, with a hint of starchy sweetness. It really is quite similar to water chestnuts, and can be substituted for them.

Once limited mostly to Latin American markets, the popularity of Hispanic foods has pushed jicama into mainstream grocers.

1. Dipping sauce: In a blender combine the peanut butter, jam, soy sauce and vinegar. Blend until smooth. Add hot sauce, to taste, then set aside.

2. Place noodles in bowl and cover with hot water. Soak 5 mins., or until softened. Drain in mesh strainer and set aside.

3. Use spoon to scrape out and discard the seeds from the cucumber halves. Cut each piece into thin strips.

Cut jicama into thin slices, then cut each slice into thin matchsticks.

4. Fill bowl (at least several inches larger than the rice wrappers) with warm water. Soak 1 wrapper in water until soft and pliable, 20 seconds.

5. Carefully remove rice wrapper from the water and lay flat on the counter. Place small bundle of noodles along one edge of wrapper. Top noodles with a bit each of cucumber, jicama and carrots. Place 3 shrimp over vegetables, then top with a mint leaf.

6. Roll wrapper, starting with filling side, folding ends over the filling as you roll to form tight cylinder. Repeat with remaining wrappers and fillings. Serve spring rolls with

dipping sauce.

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Ingredients

Dipping sauce:

- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup apricot jam
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp rice or cider vinegar
- Hot sauce, to taste

Spring rolls:

- 2 oz dried bean or rice thread noodles
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 4-oz peeled jicama root
- 12 large rice-paper wrappers (8-inch round or larger)
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1 lb cooked and cooled extra-large shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 12 large fresh mint leaves

Liquid Assets

Skip white wine & reach for...green?



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A philosophical frog once said, "It's not easy being green." White winemakers hum the same tune because consumer love for clean, clear liquid in their glasses has forced them to filter their whites within an inch of their lives for years.

Truth be told, many grapes we consider white have much darker skins than you might imagine, with the best example being pinot grigio. Unfiltered, your average PG would be a few shades shy of rosé.

One white that wears its colour on its label is Vinho Verde made in the Portuguese province of Minho. Translating to "green wine" its name is really a reference to the bright, refreshing flavours characteristic of the region's juice more than the pigment of Kermit's imagination.

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Creating community initiatives with CIAO! — June 9

Looking to explore Calgary's creative subculture? The Calgary Independent Arts Organization, or CIAO! is launching its first collaborative arts event in the city. It's going to be a unique day, featuring three multi-disciplinary art events and presenting multiple local arts organizations. 12-7 p.m. Resolution Gallery Kensington 3-6 p.m. Stoneworx Gallery Art Central 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Motion Gallery Eau Claire



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NBA

James' 45 propels Heat to Game 7

LeBron James refused to let another season end in Boston.

The Eastern Conference finals, and his chase of an NBA championship, are headed back to Miami for a Game 7.

James had 45 points and 15 rebounds, overwhelming the Celtics and leading the Heat to a 98-79 victory Thursday night that forced the decisive game.

Dwyane Wade added 17 points for the Heat, who need a victory at home Saturday to return to the NBA finals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



LeBron James in Boston on Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

No place for Hartsburg on Flames' bench

The Calgary Flames continue to overhaul their coaching staff with the release of associate coach Craig Hartsburg.

New head coach Bob Hartley brought Jacques Cloutier on board as his assistant this week.

Hartsburg was on Brent Sutter's coaching staff for one season. Sutter and the Flames parted company in April after the team missed the playoffs for a third straight year.

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Goalie Martin Brodeur goes for a skate during Game 4 in Los Angeles on Wednesday night. **BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES**

Brodeur breathes life into Devils' cup hopes

NHL. Grizzled netminder gives New Jersey chance to turn around final against L.A.

There was no way the moment was going to get the best of Martin Brodeur.

He's touched the Stanley Cup, lifted it in the air, had it out front of the house where he was raised in the Montreal borough of Saint Leonard. And he's made an incredible career out of helping the New Jersey Devils win important games.

So with the Staples Center trembling in anticipation of a Stanley Cup sweep by the Los Angeles Kings on Wednesday night, it should be no surprise that Brodeur was at his best as the Devils forced a Game 5 back

in New Jersey on Saturday.

"It's just being in the moment," he explained afterwards. "It's really hard while you're playing to really think about (past experiences) — even though some of them are successful, some are not. But for me, it's living in the moment, living these experiences with these guys. That's what hockey is all about."

With so much of the focus in this series on the outstanding play of Kings goaltender Jonathan Quick, Brodeur has almost been lost in the shuffle. But he stared down three breakaways in an extremely tight Game 4 and benefited from a couple fortunate breaks — two pucks rang off his post late in the first period — to keep the Stanley Cup from being presented.

Whether it was just delaying the inevitable or the start of a

historic comeback by New Jersey, only time will tell.

Brodeur has been candid about his team's struggles in the series and knows that there is no room for error in his performance as a result. The fact he's still able to meet that challenge a month after his 40th birthday is amazing.

Few outsiders believed Brodeur would ever make his way back on to the big stage, especially since the Devils had only won two playoff series since he lifted his third cup in 2003.

"I don't think you're ever surprised at what he does, how he handles everything," Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello said at the start of the final.

"He has a personality that never looks back.... He's changed his game accordingly to the way the style is. He's a student." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Kings make road look easy

The Kings, 15-3 in the post-season, are the first team to grab a 3-0 lead in four straight series in one playoff year.

- But only one of those matchups ended in a sweep as Los Angeles has now dropped three Game 4s at home.
- L.A. is heading back into its true comfort zone for Saturday's Game 5 — the road. It is there that they have already set records with 10 straight victories in this post-season, and 12 playoff wins in a row, dating to last year. With one more win away from L.A., the Kings will also set the mark with 11 road wins in a single playoff. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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SPORTS

NBA

"We've been through a lot. We don't call each other family just to say it. We really believe in that."

Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant, who scored 34 points in Wednesday night's 107-99 NBA finals-clinching win over the San Antonio Spurs.

"It's almost like a Hollywood script for OKC in a sense."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich on the Thunder. San Antonio had won 20 straight games after taking a 2-0 lead in the series before Oklahoma stormed back to win four straight.

Mobile news



It seems to be a foregone conclusion that Kentucky's Anthony Davis will go No. 1 in the 2012 NBA draft. But the star forward insists he's "not set in stone" to go first in the draft. Scan the code for the story.

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Group A

Czech Republic



Milan Baros has recovered from a thigh injury, and will play in the Czechs' opener against Russia Friday.

Greece



Greece is trying to live up to its Euro win in 2004 and will be in tough from the get-go, facing hosts Poland in Friday's opener.

Poland



Desperate for a strong start after losing its first match at the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and the 2008 Euros.

Russia



Coach Dick Advocaat says his entire squad is fit for its opener against the Czechs, including goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev, who had a left knee injury this week.

Group B

Denmark



Denmark is in big trouble early as the weakest club in the Group of Death.

Germany



Questions have been raised about the reliability of Germany's defence and the speed of its anchor, Per Mertesacker, whose match experience since February has been limited to two friendlies.

Netherlands



Joris Mathijsen is almost certain to miss the opener against Denmark and might be ruled out altogether, robbing the team of one of its key defenders.

Portugal



The fact they've found the net just once in their last three friendlies doesn't bode well.

Hopes of a nation on their shoulders



Polish players warm up in Warsaw on Monday. ALIK KEPLICZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine president urges citizens to host with 'friendliness'

Ukraine's president called on his countrymen to give a warm welcome to visitors during the European Championship, in the face of concerns over racism at football matches and criticism over a political opponent's imprisonment.

- Viktor Yanukovich hailed his

country's success in preparing for the tournament. He also congratulated his country on building roads, stadiums and airports for Euro 2012 and called on his citizens Thursday in a televised address to exhibit "our Ukrainian hospitality, sincerity and friendliness."

Euro 2012. Poland determined not to repeat mistakes of past while co-hosting Euro with Ukraine

Poland captain Jakub Blaszczykowski is determined not to let his team make the same mistakes at the European Championship that have torpedoed the country's hopes at past tournaments.

Topping that list is losing the opening game.

Poland was beaten in its first match at the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and the 2008 European Championship. It crashed out of each of those competitions in the group stage.

"For sure, the last tournaments were not a success, and that's why we're trying not to repeat the mistakes of the past," Blaszczykowski said Thursday. "But I'm convinced all of us players have done everything that we can to be ready for the first match. The most important thing is not to lose this game so as to head down the path of past tournaments."

The Poland side that will open this year's competition on Friday against Greece at Warsaw's new National Stadium in front of 55,000 fans is a very different team,

however, from the ones that failed to impress in the recent past.

Above all, coach Franciszek Smuda has three top-class players to build the team around — the Borussia Dortmund trio of Blaszczykowski, striker Robert Lewandowski and defender Lukas Piszczek.

All three players are coming off stellar seasons during which they helped power Dortmund to a domestic double.

Lewandowski netted 22 goals in 34 league matches and was named the Bundesliga's player of the year. Blaszczykowski scored six goals and provided eight assists, while Piszczek contributed four goals and seven assists from his right back position.

"We have players who can change the game at any moment to our advantage, and that's the difference between this team and past teams," Blaszczykowski said.

The Poland captain and his teammates have an added incentive this year not to bow out early — they don't want to disappoint the millions of home fans who have been waiting for this moment since Poland won the right five years ago to co-host the tournament with Ukraine.

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Quoted

"We have the expectations of a whole country on us, we're aware of that, but it only motivates us more

Jakub Blaszczykowski, Polish captain



Calibre of play at Euro second to none



Fernando Torres of Spain lifts the trophy after the Euro 2008 final against Germany.

ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

The World Cup may be the best-known soccer tournament on the planet. It may not be the best.

To many fans, the European Championship ranks as the top competition.

This year's continental championship, generally called Euro 2012, kicks off Friday in Warsaw when co-host Poland plays Greece at the National Stadium. Ukraine also will be hosting games.

With only 16 teams instead of 32, many believe the calibre of play at the European Championship exceeds that at the World Cup, which gets diluted by some of the slots apportioned to areas of the globe weaker in soccer.

Both tournaments take place every four years, but in

By the numbers

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Only one non-European country (Uruguay in 2010) has been among the semifinals at the last two World Cups.

alternate even-numbered years. That puts the European Championship, which started in 1960 and became a full-fledged tournament in 1980 when eight teams competed, in the same summer as the Olympics.

For Euro 2012, defending champion Spain — which also won the 2010 World Cup — is the favourite, especially with Xavi Hernandez and Andres Iniesta controlling play. But the Netherlands and Germany are also contenders with their

own game-changing players, notably the Dutch trio of Arjen Robben, Robin van Persie and Wesley Sneijder.

Others, like England with Wayne Rooney and Portugal with Cristiano Ronaldo, will also be in the mix.

Hooliganism is always an issue at major soccer tournaments; this year's competition has already been marred by racism concerns and political turmoil in Ukraine.

The 16 teams in the championship — the two co-hosts and 14 other nations that made it through a two-year qualifying tournament — have been split into four groups of four. The top two in each group reach the quarterfinals.

The final will be played on July 1 in Kyiv. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Group C

Croatia



Coach Slaven Bilic says striker Nikica Jelavic has been chosen to spearhead the team's attack after a successful spell at Everton.

Ireland



Opening match against Croatia could give Irish a chance to start out competition on the right foot.

Italy



Standout Italian midfielder Andrea Pirlo has bruised his right calf, although team officials are treating the injury as very minor.

Spain



Will try to become first country to successfully defend European title but the absence of defender Carles Puyol will make it tough.

Group D

England



Opening clash with France on Monday should be a good litmus test after a second-round exit at 2010 World Cup.

France



Pressure is on after a 2010 World Cup training-ground strike that shocked and embarrassed a nation.

Sweden



Sweden has two concerns going into its opener against Ukraine on Monday — Johan Elmander's foot and the co-host's crowd support.

Ukraine



Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin says his team's opening match against Sweden will decide whether his team has any chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	32	25	.561
Tampa Bay	32	25	.561
New York	31	25	.554
Toronto	30	27	.526
Boston	29	28	.509

CENTRAL DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Chicago	32	25	.561
Cleveland	30	26	.536
Detroit	26	31	.456
Kansas City	24	31	.436
Minnesota	22	34	.393

WEST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Texas	33	25	.569
Los Angeles	29	29	.500
Oakland	26	32	.448
Seattle	26	33	.441

Yesterday's results
Chicago White Sox 4 Toronto 3
Boston 7 Baltimore 0
Detroit 7 Cleveland 5
Oakland 7 Texas 1
Tampa Bay 7 N.Y. Yankees 3
Wednesday's results
Toronto 4 Chicago White Sox 0
Baltimore 2 Boston 1
Cleveland 9 Detroit 6
N.Y. Yankees 4 Tampa Bay 1
Minnesota 4 Kansas City 2
Oakland 2 Texas 0
Seattle 8 L.A. Angels 6

INTERLEAGUE
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Kansas City (Hochevar 3-6) at Pittsburgh (Bedard 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Blanton 4-6) at Baltimore (Arrieta 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 3-4) at Cincinnati (Latos 4-2), 7:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Hellickson 4-2) at Miami (Nolasco 6-3), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 6-1) at Boston (Doubtront 6-2), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Dabek 4-6) at Atlanta (Beachy 5-4), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 0-2) at Minnesota (Walters 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Houston (W.Rodriguez 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 2-3) at St. Louis (Westbrook 4-5), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 6-4) at Colorado (White 2-3), 8:40 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 6-5) at Arizona (D.Hudson 2-1), 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Eovaldi 0-2) at Seattle (Millwood 3-5), 10:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 7-3) at San Francisco (Zito 5-2), 10:15 p.m.

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NORFOLK (E1) VS. TORONTO (W2)
(Norfolk leads series 3-0)
Last night's result
Norfolk 1 Toronto 0 (OT)
Tomorrow's game — All Times Eastern
Norfolk at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Norfolk at Toronto, 3 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Washington	32	23	.582
Atlanta	32	25	.561
New York	32	26	.552
Miami	31	26	.544
Philadelphia	28	31	.475

CENTRAL DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	31	25	.554
Pittsburgh	29	27	.518
St. Louis	30	28	.517
Milwaukee	26	31	.456
Houston	24	33	.421
Chicago	19	38	.333

WEST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	37	21	.638
San Francisco	33	25	.569
Arizona	27	30	.474
Colorado	24	32	.429
San Diego	19	39	.328

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 8 Miami 2
L.A. Dodgers 6 Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee 4 Chicago Cubs 3 (10 innings)
N.Y. Mets 3 Washington 1
Pittsburgh 5 Cincinnati 4 (10 innings)
San Francisco 8 San Diego 3
St. Louis 14 Houston 2
Wednesday's results
Arizona 6 Colorado 1
Atlanta 2 Miami 1
Cincinnati 5 Pittsburgh 4
L.A. Dodgers 6 Philadelphia 5
Milwaukee 8 Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 6 San Diego 5
St. Louis 4 Houston 3
Washington 5 N.Y. Mets 3
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
San Diego (Volquez 2-5) at Milwaukee (Marcum 4-3), 8:10 p.m.

WHITE SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0	De Aza cf	3	0	1	0
Rasmus cf	5	0	1	0	Bckhm 2b	4	0	1	0
Bautist rf	4	0	1	0	A.Dunn 1b	4	1	0	0
KJhnson dh	4	0	1	0	Konerik dh	3	1	2	0
Cooper 1b	3	1	1	0	JrDnks pr-dh	0	0	0	0
YEscors	4	1	2	0	Rios rf	4	1	2	3
Arencic c	2	1	0	0	Przyns c	4	0	0	0
Vizquel 2b	4	0	0	0	Viciedo lf	4	1	1	0
McCoy lf	3	0	1	2	AlRmrz ss	4	0	0	0
YGoms ph-rf	1	0	0	0	OHudson 3b	4	0	2	1
Totals	34	3	7	2	Totals	34	4	9	4

Toronto 030 000 000 — 3
Chicago 100 002 001 — 4
Two outs when winning run scored.
E—Al.Ramirez (5). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 10, Chicago 6. 2B—Bautista (7). Y.Escobar (8). HR—Rios (6). CS—Rasmus (1).
Toronto IP H R ER BB SO
H.Alvarez 7 7 3 3 1 2
Oliver 1-3 0 0 0 0 1
Frasor 2-3 0 0 0 0 1
Cordero L1-3 2-3 2 1 1 0 0
Chicago
Peavy 6 4 3 2 5 4
Thornton 1 1 0 0 0 1
N.Jones 1 1 0 0 0 1
Reed W1-1 1 1 0 0 0 1
Peavy pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
HBP—by Peavy (Cooper). WP—Cordero. PB—Arencibia.
Umpires—Home, Jim Reynolds; First, Vic Carapaz; Second, Jim Joyce; Third, Mike Estabrook.
T—2:50. A—25,743 (40,615) at Chicago.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NEW JERSEY (E6) VS.LOS ANGELES (W8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-1)
Wednesday's result
New Jersey 3 Los Angeles 1
Monday's result
Los Angeles 4 New Jersey 0
Tomorrow's game — All Times Eastern
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 11
x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kopitar, LA	8	11	19
Kovalchuk, NJ	8	11	19
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	10	17
B.Richards, NYR	6	9	15
Parise, NJ	7	7	14
Doughty, LA	4	10	14
J.Williams, LA	3	11	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern
EASTERN CONFERENCE
MIAMI (2) VS. BOSTON (4)
(Series tied 3-3)
Last night's result
Miami 98 Boston 79
Tuesday's result
Boston 94 Miami 90
Tomorrow's game
Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. OKLAHOMA CITY (2)
(Oklahoma City wins series 4-2)
Wednesday's result
Oklahoma City 107 San Antonio 99

NBA FINAL

(Best of 7)
OKLAHOMA CITY (W2) VS. MIAMI/BOSTON
Tuesday, June 12
Miami-Boston winner at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.

HEAT 98, CELTICS 79

MIAMI (98)
James 19-26 5-9 45, Battier 3-7 0-0 8, Haslem 2-6 2-2 6, Chalmers 3-6 0-0 9, Wade 6-17 5-5 17, Bosh 3-8 1-2 7, Miller 0-3 0-0 0, Cole 1-2 0-0 2, Jones 0-0 2-2 2, Howard 0-1 2-2 2, Turiaf 0-0 0-0 0, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-76 17-22 98.
BOSTON (79)
Pierce 4-18 1-2 9, Bass 5-8 3-12, Garnett 6-14 0-12, Rondo 8-14 5-7 21, Allen 3-7 3-4 10, Stiemsma 0-0 0-0 0, Pietrus 1-4 0-0 2, Dooling 0-2 0-0 0, Daniels 3-4 2-2 8, Hollins 1-1 0-0 2, Pavlovic 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 32-75 14-20 79.
Miami 26 29 19 24 —98
Boston 16 26 19 18 —79
3-Point Goals—Miami 7-16 (Chalmers 3-4, Battier 2-4, James 2-4, Cole 0-1, Miller 0-3), Boston 1-14 (Allen 1-3, Dooling 0-1, Daniels 0-1, Pietrus 0-3, Pierce 0-6). Fouled Out—None.
Rebounds—Miami 50 (James 15), Boston 43 (Bass 7). Assists—Miami 15 (James 5), Boston 14 (Rondo 10). Total Fouls—Miami 21, Boston 19. Technicals—Chalmers, James, Garnett. A—18,624 (18,624) at Boston.

GOLF

PGA ST. JUDE CLASSIC

At Memphis, Tenn.
Par 70 (35-35)
First Round (a=denotes amateur)
Jeff Maggert 35-31—66
John Merrick 33-33—66
Arjun Atwal 34-34—67
Jeff Overton 34-33—67
J.J. Henry 32-35—67
Seung-Yul Noh 35-33—68
Robert A. llenby 35-33—68
Rory McIlroy 35-33—68
Padraig Harrington 36-32—68
Ken Duke 34-34—68
Davis Love III 34-34—68
Y.E. Yang 33-35—68
John Daly 35-33—68
Lee Janzen 34-34—68
J.J. Killeen 35-33—68
Troy Kelly 35-34—69
Kevin Stadler 33-36—69
Bryce Molder 32-37—69
Fredrik Jacobson 33-36—69
Tim Clark 35-34—69
Kevin Kisner 35-34—69
Luke Guthrie 35-34—69
Skiy Kendall 33-36—69
Charles Howell III 34-35—69
Paul Stankowski 36-33—69
Dannay Lee 38-32—70
Chris Riley 35-35—70
Dustin Johnson 34-36—70
Gavin Coles 35-35—70
Troy Matteson 36-34—70
Steve Fleisch 34-36—70
Boo Weekley 34-36—70
Joe Ogilvie 37-33—70
Matthew Goggins 34-36—70
Nick O'Hern 36-34—70
Sean O'Hair 37-33—70
Jason Bohn 35-35—70
J.B. Holmes 35-35—70
Tim Petrovic 34-36—70
Chris Couch 35-35—70
Omar Uresti 34-36—70
Kyle Thompson 36-34—70
Gary Christian 34-36—70
Zack Miller 34-36—70

34-37—71
34-36—72
35-38—73

LPGA WEGMANS CHAMPIONSHIP

At Pittsford, N.Y.
Par 72 (35-37)
First Round
Ryan O'Toole 35-34—69
Beatriz Recari 34-35—69
Giulia Sergas 33-36—69
Na Yeon Choi 33-37—70
Paula Creamer 34-36—70
Jeong Jang 34-36—70
Cristie Kerr 32-38—70
Ali Miyazato 34-36—70
Miki Miyazato 36-34—70
Se Ri Pak 35-36—71
Sandra Gal 35-36—71
Lorie Kane 34-37—71
Candie Kung 35-36—71
Mo Martin 35-36—71
Suzann Pettersen 35-36—71
Jenny Shin 34-38—72
Shanshan Feng 34-38—72
Marcy Hart 36-36—72
Brittany Lang 35-37—72
Maude-Aimee Leblanc 36-36—72
Stacy Lewis 36-36—72
Sydney Michaels 36-36—72
Inbee Park 36-36—72

33-44—77
40-37—77
36-41—77
40-42—82

CHAMPIONS REGIONS

TRADITION
At Birmingham, Ala.
Par 72
First Round
Bill Glasson 34-32—66
Dan Forsman 34-32—66
Fred Funk 33-34—67
Bernhard Langer 35-33—68
Brad Bryant 33-36—69
Russ Cochran 35-34—69
Tom Lehman 34-35—69
Bruce Fleisher 36-33—69
Morris Hatalesky 35-35—70
Kirk Triplett 35-35—70
Gary Hallberg 35-35—70
Jeff Sluman 36-34—70
Larry Mize 35-35—70
Wayne Levi 36-34—70
Joey Sindelar 36-34—70
Mike Goodes 36-34—70

Also 37-36—73
Rod Spittle

NATIONWIDE MEXICO OPEN

At Leon, Mexico
Par 72
First Round
Ryan Armour 33-31—64
Paul Holey II 32-33—65
Tag Ridings 32-34—66
James Love 30-36—66
Jon Mills 33-33—66
Adam Hadwin 35-33—68
Also 35-36—71
Bryan DeCorso 36-35—71
Chris Baryla 34-38—72
Ryan Yip 37-36—73
Richard Scott 36-38—74
Brad Fritsch

TENNIS

FRENCH OPEN

Yesterday's results
WOMEN
Singles — Semifinals
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.
Sara Errani (21), Italy, def. Sam Stosur (6), Australia, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3.
Doubles — Semifinals
Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (7), Russia, def. Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (5), Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.

MEN
Doubles — Semifinals
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Daniel Nestor (1), Toronto, def. Daniele Bracciali and Potito Starace (14), Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Bob and Mike Bryan (2), U.S., def. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (10), Netherlands, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
MIXED DOUBLES
Championship
Sania Mirza and Mahesh Bhupathi (7), India, def. Klaudia Jans-Ignacik, Poland, and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, 7-6 (3), 6-1.

JUNIORS
Boy's Singles — Quarter-finals
Filip Peliwo (5), Vancouver, def. Noah Rubin, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.
Girl's Doubles — Quarter-finals
Eugenie Bouchard, Westmount, Que., and Taylor Townsend (1), U.S., def. Camilla Rosatello, Italy, and Ioana Loredana Rosca, Romania, 6-0, 6-3.
Montserrat Gonzalez, Paraguay, and Beatriz Haddad Maia (6), Brazil, def. Francoise Abanda, Montreal, Sachia Vickery (4), U.S., 6-1, 3-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).

SOCCER

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

NORTH, CENTRAL AND CARIBBEAN ZONE

Today's games — All Times Eastern
GROUP A
At Tampa, Fla.
U.S. vs. Antigua and Barbuda, 7:11 p.m.
At Kingston, Jamaica
Jamaica vs. Guatemala, 9:30 p.m.
GROUP B
At Mexico City
Mexico vs. Guyana, 8 p.m.
At San Jose, Costa Rica
Costa Rica vs. El Salvador, 10 p.m.
GROUP C
At Havana
Cuba vs. Canada, 2 p.m.
At San Pedro Sula, Honduras
Honduras vs. Panama, 9:30 p.m.

EURO 2012

All Times Eastern
FIRST ROUND
GROUP A
Today's games
At Warsaw, Poland
Poland vs. Greece, noon
At Wroclaw, Poland
Russia vs. Czech Republic, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP B
Tomorrow's games
At Kharkiv, Ukraine
Netherlands vs. Denmark, noon
At Lviv, Ukraine
Germany vs. Portugal, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP C
Sunday's games
At Gdansk, Poland
Spain vs. Italy, noon
At Poznan, Poland
Ireland vs. Croatia, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP D
Monday, June 11
At Donetsk, Ukraine
France vs. England, noon
At Kiev, Ukraine
Ukraine vs. Sweden, 2:45 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C. United	15	8	4	3	28	19	27
New York	13	8	3	2	26	18	26
Kansas City	12	8	3	1	17	10	25
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Chicago	12	5	5	3	15	17	18
Houston	11	4	3	4	12	12	16
New England	13	5	7	1	18	18	16
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	22	14	29
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Seattle	13	7	3	3	16	9	24
Vancouver	12	5	3	4	13	14	19
Colorado	13	6	6	1	20	18	19
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	9	14	15
Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

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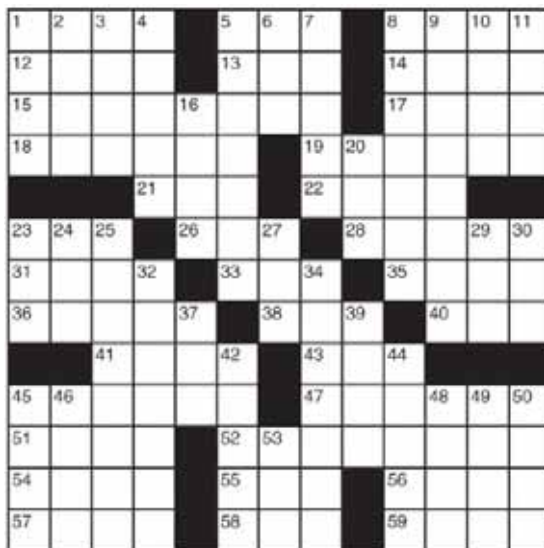
Across

- 1 Knighted woman
5 Deposit
8 Stop
12 Holly
13 Blond shade
14 Malaria symptom
15 Lamb symbolizing the Savior
17 Christmas
18 Crown of honor
19 Silver-white element
21 Kinsman
22 Carina
23 Vast expanse
26 Expert
28 Parasite
31 Therefore
33 Frat party prop
35 Percussion instrument
36 "All My Children" role
38 Understanding
40 Branch
41 Sailors
43 Ph. bk. data
45 Quest
47 One with "I" trouble
51 Con
52 Farm study
54 Mortgage
55 Island souvenir
56 On
57 Icelandic saga

- 58 List-ending abbr.
59 Anger

Down

- 1 Use an old phone
2 Plankton component
3 Carte
4 Region beyond a city
5 Securing device
6 Work with
7 Dense
8 Hick
9 "Genie in a Bottle" singer
10 Humdinger
11 Abound
16 Antitoxins
20 Conger, e.g.
23 Witness
24 Mess up
25 Shook
27 Comic-strip squeal
29 Cad
30 "Let me think ..."
32 Sweet potato
34 Nonproprietary
37 Curved line
39 "Fuhgeddaboutit!"
42 Layered rock
44 Sub spotter
45 Garage event
46 Oklahoma city



- 48 Tittle
49 Urban blight
50 Use a keyboard
53 Comprehend

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

XN SIKHV OYYHXVY FISH.
RMVTO X NRXPP VGIKZ IC
CKOKGY PIVVYGN TXWY XH
IWYGHMVTOKRFRYG ZXGOS?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A WILD
OUTING IS ABOUT TO OCCUR, COULD YOU
SAY THAT WOULD BE A PENDING SPREE?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals A

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You like to know what's going on and you like to know what's going to happen next but the Sun-Mars link will take you by surprise in a way.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Hopefully you won't take what happens today too seriously. You know how silly it is to struggle against events that cannot be controlled.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You will have to sacrifice something that is precious to you for the greater good today. Remember: You are not making this decision just for yourself but for other people too.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

If you come on too strong today, you are likely to turn people against you, so tone down your act a bit. Charm is the key.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

There is no point moaning about what you are expected to do — just roll up your sleeves and get on with the job.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

The problems you face are mostly problems you have created for yourself. Therefore, hoping that other people will resolve them for you isn't going to work, is it?

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Stand your ground today even if you find yourself up against someone whose power and position puts your own in the shade.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Partners may be pushy today but you must not give in to their demands. Let them know that you can't be threatened and that no matter what, your answer is still 'no'.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

You will need to be tough today, especially when dealing with people who seem to believe they have some sort of right to your time and energy.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

No matter how strongly the evidence points in one direction today, you must keep looking in other directions too.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

If partners and colleagues want to play games today that's up to them but you care only about reality.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Rise above your current situation. Once you understand that minor negative events are of no real importance you'll feel happier — and achieve more too.

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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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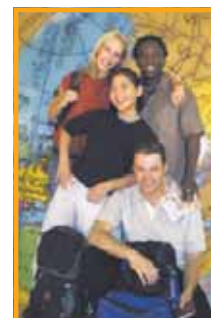
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